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*Subject: Meir D. Kahane*

*File Number: 105-HQ-207795 Section 4*



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MEIR D. KAHANE, IS DASH NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES (JDL)

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION  
IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT MEIR D. KAHANE, LEADER OF THE JEWISH  
DEFENSE LEAGUE APPEARED IN FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT, NYC THIS  
DATE WHERE HE PAID A FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE ON A FEDERAL  
FIREARMS CONVICTION. AFTER THIS APPEARANCE KAHANE MADE A  
PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT HE PLANS TO DEPART THE UNITED STATES  
THIS DATE FOR ISREAL AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL LATE  
DECEMBER NINETEEN SEVENTYONE. SOURCE ADVISED THAT KAHANE

ANOTHER CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE

INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED KAHANE HAS RESERVATIONS ON

BOAC FLIGHT FIVE ZERO SIX LEAVING JFK AIRPORT, NYC TEN PM

NOVEMBER ONE SEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE ARRIVING LONDON

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MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL,

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST ADVISED SUBJECT, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL), APPEARED IN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, NEW YORK CITY, ON NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, LAST, AND PAID FINE OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ON FEDERAL FIREARMS CONVICTION. AFTER COURT APPEARANCE KAHANE STATED PUBLICLY HE PLANNED TO DEPART UNITED STATES SAME DATE FOR ISRAEL AND WILL NOT RETURN TO UNITED STATES UNTIL LATE DECEMBER, NINETEEN SEVENTY-ONE.

SOURCE STATED: KAHANE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST, ADVISED KAHANE HAD RESERVATIONS ON BOAC FLIGHT NUMBER FIVE ZERO SIX, DEPARTING JFK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, NEW YORK CITY, TEN O'CLOCK P.M. NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY-ONE, ARRIVING LONDON NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY-ONE; LEGAT, LONDON ADVISED BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION. LEGAT, TEL AVIV NOTIFY APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS.

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Teletype to Tel Aviv  
Re: Meir D. Kahane  
105-207795

NOTE:

By teletype dated 11/17/71, New York Office advised of travel plans of subject, National Director of Jewish Defense League (JDL), aggressively militant organization dedicated to protection of "Jewish rights." Subject is on 5-years probation as result of Gun Control Act conviction in 7/71, investigated by Treasury Department. Legat, London has been advised by Kahane's itinerary by Bureau nitel dated 11/17/71.

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Date: 11/26/71

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-29629)(P)  
 SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE, aka  
 IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL  
 OO: New York

Re Los Angeles teletype 11/3/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for New York two copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) captioned and dated as above setting forth information concerning the recent visit to Los Angeles by KAHANE.

In addition to the information set forth from [redacted], whose identity is being retained on the Los Angeles copy, source has provided a tape recording of KAHANE's appearance at Los Angeles Valley Junior College on 11/16/71. This tape is currently being transcribed by the Los Angeles Office and will be submitted in LHM form as soon as completed.

On 11/23/71, SA [redacted] was orally advised by the police officer, mentioned within as present at the 11/14/71 speech by KAHANE at Temple Isaiah, Beverly Hills, California, that he had visited at JDL headquarters on 11/22/71 and spoke with [redacted] OKIN, West Coast coordinator of the JDL. OKIN was questioned concerning KAHANE's hostility toward the police in general and the officer [redacted] in particular and replied that the officer was welcome at JDL headquarters and that KAHANE has had trouble with the police in New York City and doesn't understand the nature of things at they pertain to Los Angeles.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Los Angeles, California

November 26, 1971

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MEIR D. KAHANE  
Also Known As  
Michael King,  
Martin Kahane

On November 18, 1971, [REDACTED], who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that Rabbi Meir Kahane, who is self described as the founder of the Jewish Defense League (JDL), arrived in Los Angeles, California, on November 10, 1971, at Los Angeles International Airport.

The JDL is self-described as a militant activist group dedicated to the struggle for democracy, freedom and Jewish rights.

[REDACTED] stated that Kahane arrived at approximately 1:00 p.m. and held a brief press conference after departing the airplane. Source stated Kahane mentioned that one of his main reasons for being in California was to meet with Governor Ronald Reagan to see if the Governor would act as a mediator for a prisoner exchange of 50 Attica prisoners for Jewish prisoners in the Soviet Union. Source stated that to the best of source's knowledge, Kahane did not see Governor Reagan.

Source stated that Kahane came to Los Angeles to re-organize the JDL, which according to source has been extremely disorganized and relatively inactive as well as hard pressed for funds. Source stated that he learned Kahane was to be in the Los Angeles area until November 17, 1971.

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Also Known As  
Michael King,  
Martin Kahane

Source provided the following additional information regarding Kahane's appearances in the Los Angeles area:

November 10, 1971	8:00 p.m. - Spoke at Temple Young Israel of Los Angeles, 660 North Spaulding, Los Angeles, on the purposes of the JDL and attempted to get support and membership. Approximately 100 persons attended at \$2.00 each.
November 12, 1971	12 noon - Spoke at the Student Center on campus of Los Angeles Pierce Junior College, 6201 Winnetka, Woodland Hills, California. Kahane spoke for approximately one hour on the aims and purposes of the JDL and held a question and answer period. Approximately 100 persons attended and it was source's observation that Kahane was not well received by his audience.
November 13, 1971	No time known - Membership meeting at JDL headquarters, 7456 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.
November 14, 1971	Source advised he had learned Kahane was scheduled to attend a "brunch" at the residence of [REDACTED] however, source has no further information regarding this matter.

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MEIR D. KAHANE  
Also Known As  
Michael King,  
Martin Kahane

November 14, 1971      8:00 p.m. - Spoke to approximately 100 persons who said a \$2.00 admission fee at Temple Isaiah, 10345 West Pico, Beverly Hills, California.

Source advised Kahane again spoke of the purposes of the JDL. During his talk Kahane recognized a plainclothes Los Angeles police officer in the audience and made an issue of the officer's presence. Kahane stated this was typical of the harassment the JDL has received from the police and he would have to watch what he said as the officer was only there for the purpose of hearing Kahane say something that could be used against him. Kahane called for more militant action by JDL members stating that the police were not friends of JDL and if the police interfered with the actions of the JDL they would be dealt with as any other enemy. Kahane mentioned that relative to mass arrests of many JDL members in Washington, D. C. some nine policemen were beaten up by JDL members. Source stated this meeting ended at 11:00 p.m. without any incidents and it was source's opinion that Kahane had been well received.

November 16, 1971      11:00 a.m. - Kahane spoke on the campus of Los Angeles Valley Junior College, 5800 Fulton, Van Nuys, California, to an audience of approximately 180 persons. Source stated Kahane gave aims and purposes of the JDL, however, on this occasion the apparent reaction of his audience was mixed and at one point a Rabbi in the audience challenged Kahane and in turn Kahane made disparaging remarks concerning the Rabbi.

MEIR D. KAHANE  
Also Known As  
Michael King,  
Martin Kahane

November 16, 1971      Source advised Kahane was originally scheduled to speak during the evening hours at a temple located in Northridge, California, in the San Fernando Valley, however, the Rabbi in residence at this temple had cancelled out Kahane's appearance. As a consequence Kahane spoke instead at Temple Beth Shalom, 3635 Elm Street, Long Beach, California, to an audience of 100 persons. Source was unable to provide further information regarding this appearance.

November 17, 1971      Source advised Kahane departed Los Angeles for an unknown destination, however, it was source's opinion Kahane had to return to New York City for a court appearance.

Source stated that in general Kahane has apparently slipped in his appeal to the Jewish community in Los Angeles noting that on his previous trip to this area in the Spring of 1971, he had drawn turn away audiences and had been able to draw substantial offerings from these audiences. Source noted that on this occasion his audiences were greatly reduced in number and they were very few offerings collected.

Source further advised that to the best of source's knowledge, Kahane slept during his stay in JDL Headquarters, 7456 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

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FROM: *TK* LEGAT, TEL AVIV (105-3) (P)

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE, aka  
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Re Tel Aviv airtel and LHM, 10/5/71, captioned JEWISH DEFENSE  
LEAGUE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL (Bureau File 62-112767).

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NAME CHECK

December 9, 1971

**MARTIN MEIR DAVID KAHANE**  
Born: August 1, 1932  
New York

In response to your name check request, refer to reports and memoranda captioned "Meir D. Kahane," sent to your agency on various dates, the latest being September 8, 1971.

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Martin D. Kahane was named in two indictments returned on May 12, 1971, by a Federal Grand Jury in Brooklyn, New York. The first indictment charged Kahane with conspiracy to unlawfully transport into the State of New York, firearms purchased or otherwise obtained out of State; and, unlawfully making, furnishing and exhibiting false identification likely to deceive firearms dealers about lawful sale of firearms (Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922 (a) (3), 922 (a) (6) and 924 (a)).

The second indictment charged Kahane with conspiracy to make, receive and possess explosive bombs, incendiary devices, pipe bombs and other destructive devices, (Title 18, United States Code, Section 843 (a) and (f), without complying with other required provisions of the Gun Control Act.

Kahane was arrested on May 12, 1971, in New York City by agents of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division (ATFD) of the Treasury Department. On July 9, 1971, Kahane pleaded guilty to violation of Title 18, Section 843, United States Code, on condition that the charges against other leaders of the Jewish Defense League be dismissed. His guilty plea was accepted and Kahane agreed to turn over all explosives and weapons not properly registered with ATFD. On July 23, 1971, Kahane was sentenced to five years' imprisonment with execution suspended. He was placed on probation for five years and in November, 1971, he paid a \$5,000 fine.

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TO SACS NEW YORK (157-5767)  
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RECIPIENTS IMMEDIATELY TARGET YOUR SOURCES TO ESTABLISH  
SUBJECT'S CURRENT LOCATION. INSTRUCT YOUR INFORMANTS TO BE  
AWARE, CONSISTENT WITH THEIR SECURITY, OF SUBJECT'S LOCATION  
AND ACTIVITIES ON A DAILY BASIS. KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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NOTE:

Subject, National Director of the aggressively militant Jewish Defense League (JDL) is currently on Federal probation for five years as a result of his conviction in 7/71 for violation of provisions of the Gun Control Act investigated by Treasury Department. Kahane departed the United States for Israel on 11/17/71, reportedly to return to the U. S. on 12/26/71. In view of the sensitivity surrounding the investigation of JDL plans to blow up the Soviet Mission to the United Nations at some future time and because of the interest in this matter on the part of highly placed officials of the Executive Branch we should be aware of subject's location and activities on a day-to-day basis.

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MEIR D. KAHANE; IS-NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES-JDL

RE BUREAU TEL TO NEW YORK, DECEMBER FOURTEEN, SEVENTYONE.

US PUBLICATIONS MAKE FREQUENT REFERENCES TO JDL AND  
KAHANE'S ACTIVITIES IN ISRAEL.

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TO JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL) IN ISRAEL.

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Baltimore and Washington Field instructed 12/14/71 to target sources  
in order to establish subject's current location and to be aware of  
his activities and location on day-to-day basis. In view of the  
extreme sensitivity and high level interest surrounding the investigation  
of JDL plot to blow up Soviet Mission to United Nations and new  
alleged plot of JDL to sniper attack Soviet Embassy in near future,  
we should be aware of subject's location and activities on a timely  
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TO LEGAT PARIS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-207795) - 139

MEIR KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE REPORTED THAT JERUSALEM DOMESTIC SERVICE ANNOUNCED DECEMBER SIXTEEN, LAST, SUBJECT ARRIVED IN PARIS ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN, LAST, WHERE HE CONFERRED WITH RABBI KAPLAN, CHIEF RABBI OF FRANCE, AND PROFESSOR RENE CASSIN, NOBEL PRIZE WINNER, AFTER WHICH HE HELD PRESS CONFERENCE. SAME SOURCE ADVISED JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL) WANTS TO OPEN BRANCH IN FRANCE.

SUBJECT IDENTIFIED AS NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF AGGRESSIVELY MILITANT JDL, WHO DEPARTED ISRAEL DECEMBER FOURTEEN, LAST. KAHANE PLACED ON PROBATION JULY TWENTY-THREE, LAST, FOR FIVE YEARS AND FINED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AFTER CONVICTION IN FEDERAL COURT FOR VIOLATION OF GUN CONTROL ACT, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, INVESTIGATED BY TREASURY DEPARTMENT. HE WAS ISSUED PASSPORT NUMBER H SIX FOUR SIX ONE ZERO FOUR ON JUNE TWENTY-THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, AT NEW YORK CITY.

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CABLE TO PARIS  
RE: MEIR KAHANE  
105-207795

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DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED IN VIEW OF SUBJECT'S  
ACTIVITIES ABROAD HE MIGHT INCUR OBLIGATION TO REGISTER  
UNDER FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT OF NINETEEN THIRTY-  
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NOTE:

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Subject is National Director of militantly aggressive  
Jewish Defense League. He departed the U.S. on 11/17/71 reportedly to  
return to the U.S. on 12/26/71. By teletype 12/14/71, Legat, Tel Aviv,

[REDACTED] New York, Baltimore, and Washington Field  
Offices were instructed 12/14/71 to target sources in order to establish  
Kahane's location and to be aware of his location and activities on a  
day-to-day basis. Because of the extreme sensitivity and high level  
interest surrounding the investigation of the JDL plot to bomb the  
Soviet Mission to the United Nations and the new alleged plot of JDL  
to launch a sniper attack against the Soviet Embassy within the next  
few days, we should be constantly aware of subject's location and activities.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-210896)

DATE: 12/21/71

FROM : *[Signature]*  
London (105-4834) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL

XX Enclosed are 2 copies of:

☐ LHM ☒ Communication dated 12/17/71  
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☐ Other: ReBucab 11/18/71 captioned "MEIR D. KAHANE,  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES (JDL)".

XX Furnished for information re Rabbi MEIR KAHANE visit to U.K. in  
November, 1971.

☐ Investigation requested, report results in form suitable for dissemination.

Check: ☐ Bufiles ☐ Ident. Division ☐ WFO check Passport files, Department of State.

☐ Other:

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 2)
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Desk
- 1 - Legat, Paris (Enc. 1) (Direct)
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URGENT 12-28-71

TO DIRECTOR NR209

FROM LEGAT PARIS

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MEIR KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL.

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IMMEDIATE 12-26-71

TO DIRECTOR NR201

FROM LEGAT TEL AVIV

MEIR D. KAHANE: IS-NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES-JDL.

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9:07 AM, 12/26/71 / Instructed to advise  
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550PM URGENT 12-26-71 DCC

TO DIRECTOR

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
FROM NEW YORK

MEIR KAHANE; INFORMATION CONCERNING.

KAHANE ARRIVED AS SCHEDULED EL AL AIRLINE FIVE ZERO FIVE PM, INSTANT DATE. HE ADVISED IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS HE WILL REMAIN IN U.S. FOR THREE WEEKS AND THEN WILL RETURN TO ISRAEL TO REJOIN HIS FAMILY.

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to advise U.N. Security Office (Holloman)  
6:01 PM JNO

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after numerous attempts to call State Dept  
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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)  
FROM: LEGAT, TEL AVIV (105-3) (P)SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE, aka  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE  
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ENCLOSURES:

Enclosed are 7 copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above.

## REFERENCES:

Tel Aviv airtels, 11/30/71 and 10/5/71, the latter captioned "JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE; IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL," to which an LHM was enclosed.

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 2 - Tel Aviv (1 - 105-3, 1 - 105-1 (JDL))

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MEIR D. KAHANE

The Jewish Defense League (JDL) is described as a militant activist group dedicated to the struggle for freedom, democracy and Jewish rights.

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On October 13, 1971, between 30 to 40 members of Dov, an Israeli nationalist group, and the JDL were led by subject in a demonstration in front of the United States Embassy, Tel Aviv, Israel. For approximately one hour the demonstrators chanted their opposition to any concessions by Israel in a partial agreement crying "Never Again" and "1956 - Never Again."

The December 3, 1971, issue of "The Jerusalem Post," an English-language newspaper, published in Jerusalem, Israel, contained an article captioned "Kahane: Would act with violence over Arab lands Jewry." The article noted that subject has threatened to employ the same techniques to secure the release of Jews from Arab lands as he has been using on behalf of Soviet Jewry. It was noted that subject spoke on December 2, 1971, at a student rally at the Western Wall Plaza in Jerusalem, where he made these statements, adding that the JDL "would not be deterred from using violence if necessary." Subject was also quoted as stating "What we did for Jews in Russia, we will do for Jews in Arab countries... harassment in New York, in London and even in Damascus."

In the November 22, 1971, issue of "The Jerusalem Post" appears a copy of a letter to the editor of the paper from an individual described

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MEIR D. KAHANE:

as Hubert Joseph Cohen. The letter severely criticizes Kahane and his motives on behalf of world Jewry. Cohen claimed that he was a boyhood acquaintance of the subject in Brooklyn, New York, and noted that subject, at that time, was known by his friends as having "fast feet" because of ability to avoid any confrontation in contact sports or in a fight. With regard to the latter endeavor, Cohen claimed that the subject "was the first home--in fact, he was home before the fight was over." Cohen also criticized the JDL with regard to its managing of funds and questions proper use of funds collected. He was also highly critical of the JDL's claim to defend world Jewry by the means adopted, accusing the JDL of "shooting into bedrooms where children sleep, planting bombs in the dead of the night, cursing and haranguing women on streets, attacking in force business offices and beating up individuals."

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TO DIRECTOR NR200

FROM LEGAT TEL AVIV

MEIR D. KAHANE, AKA: IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL

REBUCAB NUMBER ONE ZERO SEVEN.

LHM RE SUBJECT DATED DECEMBER TWENTYONE, SEVENTYONE, SENT BY  
POUCH DECEMBER TWENTYTWO, SEVENTYONE. ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE  
RE SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES IN ISRAEL PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY LHM  
UNDER HIS CAPTION OR UNDER JDL.

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WITH SUFFICIENT LEAD MATERIAL SUCH AS THAT OBTAINABLE FROM RE-  
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BA To: SAC, New York (157-5767)

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From: Director, FBI (105-207795) - 144

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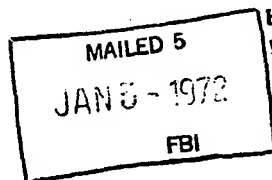
Promptly furnish for transmittal to Legat, Tel Aviv information contained in local publications which relates to the activities of the subject and the Jewish Defense League in Israel.

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NOTE:

Subject is National Director of the militant Jewish Defense League (JDL). He returned to the U. S. on 12/26/71, after traveling to Israel and France. Subject is on 5-years probation for violation of the Gun Control Act of 1968, investigated by the Treasury Department. New York Office and Legat, Tel Aviv are gathering data concerning possible prosecutable conduct on the part of subject. Because of the high level interest in and the sensitivity attached to the JDL plot to blow up the Soviet Mission to the United Nations and the alleged plot to sniper attack the Soviet Embassy, we should be aware of subject's activities at all times.

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To: SAC, New York (157-5767)

From: Director, FBI (105-207795)

MEIR D. KAHANE, aka  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL

Please expeditiously forward to Bureau copy  
of subject's recently published book "Never Again."

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NOTE:

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Department of State telegram dated 12/9/71,  
captioned "Soviet Press on JDL," indicates that the Soviet  
Press has increased its coverage of Jewish Defense League,  
focusing attention on subject's recently published book  
"Never Again." This book should be obtained by office of  
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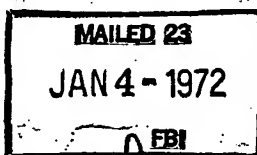
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-210896)

FROM : *Jim* LEGAT, LONDON (105-4834) (P)

SUBJECT: *IS - NATIONALIST TENDENCIES - JDL*  
JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE  
*MEIR OKAHANE*  
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January 5, 1972

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TO DIRECTOR

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
MIAMI

FROM NEW YORK (157-5767)

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TELETYPE

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - MP - JDL.

RENYTEL TO BUREAU, ONE TWELVE INSTANT.

OFFICER GOLD, US PROBATION OFFICE, NYC, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT CAPTIONED SUBJECT HAD ADVISED HIM THIS EVENING THAT HE WOULD DEPART NYC ONE THIRTEEN NEXT AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT A. M., VIA EASTERN AIRLINES, BOUND FOR MIAMI, FLORIDA. KAHANE FURTHER ADVISED GOLD THAT WHILE IN MIAMI, HE WOULD ATTEND A PRIVATE MEETING AT TWO P.M. ONE THIRTEEN NEXT WITH THE MIAMI BOARD OF RABBIS CONCERNING THE CANDIDACY OF NYC MAYOR LINDSEY.

GOLD FURTHER ADVISED THAT KAHANE PLANNED TO RETURN TO NYC DURING AFTERNOON OF ONE FOURTEEN NEXT.

THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES, MIAMI SHOULD VERIFY ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF KAHANE AND DIRECT SOURCES TO FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY PUBLIC ACTIVITIES OF KAHANE WHILE HE IS IN MIAMI

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TO: ☐ THE PRESIDENT**FIELD DISSEMINATION**☐ THE VICE PRESIDENT☐ ATT.: \_\_\_\_\_☒ WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM☒ ATT.: DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER☒ SECRETARY OF STATE☒ DIRECTOR, CIA☐ DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
☐ AND NATIONAL INDICATIONS CENTER☐ DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY☐ DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE☐ NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE☒ U. S. SECRET SERVICE (PID)☒ ATTORNEY GENERAL (BY MESSENGER) TO MR 8 AH 1/13/72☐ NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, ATT: SENIOR OPERATION OFFICER☐

From: DIRECTOR, FBI

Classification: UNCLASSIFIEDSubject: MEIR D. KAHANEINTERNAL SECURITY - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

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TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM 008

ATT.: DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER

TO: SECRETARY OF STATE

TO: DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 005

TO: U. S. SECRET SERVICE (PID) 004

TO: ATTORNEY GENERAL (BY MESSENGER)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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MEIR D. KAHANE

INTERNAL SECURITY - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE  
(JDL)

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OFFICER GOLD, US PROBATION OFFICE, NEW YORK CITY (NYC), WHO  
IS KAHANE'S PROBATION OFFICER, AND WHO IS ADVISED BY SUBJECT OF  
ANY TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN AREA OF NYC, ADVISED THAT KAHANE  
TRAVELLED TO SYRACUSE, NEW YORK (NY), ON JANUARY NINE, NINETEEN  
SEVENTYTWO, TO DELIVER A SPEECH TO AN UNKNOWN GROUP. GOLD  
FURTHER ADVISED THAT KAHANE CANCELLED HIS PLANNED TRIP TO BOSTON,  
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MASS. AND HAS NOT INDICATED ANY FUTURE PLANS TO GO THERE. GOLD  
FURNISHED KAHANE'S NY ADDRESS AS CARE OF [REDACTED]

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ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS (ATF) AGENT [REDACTED]  
ADVISED THAT SURVEILLANCES CONDUCTED BY ATF AGENTS AND NEW  
YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN UNABLE  
TO ESTABLISH THAT KAHANE ACTUALLY RESIDES AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS  
DURING HIS STAY IN NY.

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE MADE AN INQUIRY AT THE  
JDL HEADQUARTERS IN BROOKLYN, NY AND DETERMINED THAT KAHANE PLANS  
TO TRAVEL TO MIAMI, FLORIDA SOMETIME LATE THIS WEEK IN ORDER TO  
HELP LAUNCH A DRIVE BY THE "JEWISH POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE"  
TO DEFEAT NYC MAYOR JOHN V. LINDSAY IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY  
IN FLORIDA.

IT WAS ALSO DETERMINED THAT KAHANE PLANS TO RETURN TO  
ISRAEL EITHER JANUARY SEVENTEEN OR EIGHTEEN, SEVENTYTWO, WITH  
FINAL ARRANGEMENTS NOT HAVING BEEN MADE.

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From: DIRECTOR, FBI

(BY MESSENGER)

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TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM 002

ATT.: DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER

TO: ATTORNEY GENERAL (BY MESSENGER)

TO: ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION  
(BY MESSENGER)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE, (JDL), IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL:  
MEIR D. KAHANE, AKA, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. E. S. Miller

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Miller

DATE: 1/7/72

FROM : W. R. Wannall

1 - Mr. Wannall  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - JDL FolderSUBJECT: JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL)  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDLALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DETAILS:

We have been conducting an intensified investigation of JDL and its national leaders, including Rabbi Meir D. Kahane, national director of JDL, since June, 1970. On his return to the U.S. from Israel on 12/26/71, Kahane announced on CBS television news that, in order to obtain freedom for Syrian Jews, JDL will utilize the same tactics against Syrian authorities in New York City as it employed against the Soviets. Since his return to the U.S. from Israel, Kahane has been engaged primarily in promoting his new book "Never Again" by appearing on radio and television programs in New York City. He intends to visit other eastern cities in the immediate future for the same purpose. The New York "Daily News" edition of 1/4/72 contained an article advising that Kahane and JDL formed a new organization, Jewish Political Action Committee, the purpose of which is to defeat Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York in his campaign for the Presidency. In that article Kahane stated the committee would "spread the word in Florida and Wisconsin, two states where Lindsay will run in primaries." He pointed out that the Miami Beach area which Lindsay considers to be his strongest is also Kahane's strongest area since it is largely Jewish. Offices which will be instructed to conduct intensified investigation of Kahane and JDL have been specifically instructed not to cover Kahane's appearances in synagogues or in political forums except through accounts in the news media.

Kahane is on five years Federal probation as a result of his conviction in July, 1971, for violation of the Gun Control Act of 1968. The Department is interested in obtaining information concerning Kahane's activities for the purpose of having his probation revoked. The White House and the Attorney General have an interest in Kahane's activities since he and JDL have attempted to disrupt U.S.-Soviet relations and to discredit President Nixon's forthcoming visits to Moscow and Peking.

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Memo to Mr. E. S. Miller  
Re: Jewish Defense League (JDL)  
62-112767

In order for us to carry out our responsibilities in the internal security field and in keeping the Executive Branch of Government informed of the day-to-day activities of JDL and its national leaders, it is imperative that we develop and operate aggressive and knowledgeable informants who can furnish us with the necessary information for dissemination.

ACTION:

Recommend that attached teletype instructing appropriate field offices to intensify informant coverage and to obtain transcripts of past Kahane radio and television shows and to monitor future public appearances of Kahane and other JDL national leaders be approved.

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TO LEGAT, TEL AVIV (105-3)  
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)

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REIR D. KAHANE, INTERNAL SECURITY - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL.

REURTEL DECEMBER TWENTYNINE LAST AND NEW YORK TELETYPE  
JANUARY TWELVE LAST.

NEW YORK OFFICE ADVISED JANUARY THIRTEEN LAST, SUBJECT PLANS  
TRAVEL TO ISRAEL JANUARY SEVENTEEN OR EIGHTEEN NEXT, BUT FINAL  
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS NOT YET COMPLETED.

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF SUBJECT'S ITINERARY UPON RECEIPT  
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NOTE FOR SAC, NEW YORK:

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FOR TRANSMISSION BY BUREAU TO LEGAT, TEL AVIV.

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NOTE:

Subject, National Director of Militantly aggressive  
Jewish Defense League (JDL), has been on five years Federal  
probation since 7/71, for violating Gun Control Act, 1968.  
On his return to the U.S. from Israel on 10/26/71 subject appeared  
on television and in press interviews announcing possible future  
JDL actions against Syrian authorities in the U.S. Legat, Tel Aviv  
has requested to be notified whenever subject travels to Israel.  
We have previously issued instructions to interested offices that  
because of subject's position in JDL and his history of fomenting  
trouble and harassment tactics, his location is to be known at  
all times and his activities are to be followed on a day-to-day  
basis.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-5767) (P)

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE, aka  
IS-NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL

ReBuairtel to NY, 1/5/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of subject's recently published book, "Never Again".

Also enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of Memorandum and Order, USDC, EDNY by Judge D.J. WEINSTEIN, relating to the sentencing and conditions of probation for subject and others as a result of their guilty pleas in connection with the illegal possession and transportation of firearms and explosives.

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Will contact appropriate probation officials in order to determine if any additional conditions of probation exist regarding captioned subject.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-against-

CHAIM BIEBER, et al.,

Defendants.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

71-CR-479

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WEINSTEIN, D.J.



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This case, as does every sentencing decision, presents excruciating choices. For what is involved is a balancing of imponderables--possible benefits and harms to both society and the individual defendants through imposition of a wide range of possible treatment varying from a long prison term to a token fine. The impact of a harsh sentence on the individual defendant is devastating, whether he is well-known or suffers in anonymity. But when, as in this case, publicity has been widespread, the impact on the public may be greater and there is some pressure towards harshness to increase deterrent value.

Every sentence based primarily on deterrence sacrifices the individual for the good of society, but it seems quite unfair to increase the degree of the sacrifice merely because a defendant has achieved some fame so long as the reason for public notice does not itself reveal a grave defect of character or danger to the public. Thus, a professional bank robber who has achieved notoriety and whose life, as depicted in the media, appears glamorous might be harshly treated as an example to the young that this rosey appearing path leads only to degradation. The defendants are not in this category of professional criminals though they do represent great--some would say

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even greater--dangers to society which cannot be tolerated and which must be forcefully discouraged.

The Court has before it full probation reports, the profile of January 24, 1971 of Meir Kahane from the New York Times, the record of the pretrial hearings in this Court, the wiretap logs, and the statements of defendants and their counsel. It has also received a large number of communications on the sentence from the public. In all cases, once there has been a finding of guilt--and here the defendants have pleaded guilty--the Court reads all letters respecting sentencing since it wishes to understand as fully as possible, each defendant and his background. The exclusionary rules of evidence do not apply on sentencing.

First, there are those--almost all the letters fall into this group--who plead for mercy on the ground that the defendants meant well, being motivated by the unselfish goals of helping fellow Jews in Russia who are being persecuted by governmental denial of the right to freely practice their religion or to emigrate; and of assisting Jewish people in this country subject to abuse by private persons; they also point to the memory darkening holocaust as explanation, if not justification, of the defendants' acts. Second, there are those who, in essence

point out the need to treat all bombers in the same harsh manner because of the dangers of violence to innocent individuals and to the effective functioning of our complex and open society. There is point to both these views.

There are also favorable communications from those who have known the family and personal lives of Rabbi Kahane, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Bieber.

A number of the letters evince some misapprehension about the nature of the charges. We do not have here merely a technical failure to pay a tax on the making of a demonstration explosive device or merely one instance of detonating a demonstration bomb on private property to teach children what violence is like and the terrible harm that it can cause--presumably so they will oppose it. Rather what we have here are conspiracies to illegally obtain many guns and to illegally transport them across state lines; we have here conspiracies to illegally obtain many sticks of dynamite and great quantities of gunpowder and other explosives and to store much of this material in crowded areas--at great danger to the innocent public--and then, presumably to use them.

There are some who accuse the government of persecuting these defendants by prosecuting them on technicalities. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In any event, government has the right, and must exercise the power, to prevent violent unlawfulness. That use of bombs and guns for private punishment, coercion or vengeance cannot be condoned by a modern nation is clear. Their toleration would mark a severe disintegration of a stable national community. It would mean that the average citizen would look to private groups rather than the government for his security. It would mean change in public policy by coercion rather than free voter choice. While we may have--regretably--moved partly down this line (private and public security forces are one of the chief growth industries of the country) this is not a tendency to be encouraged.

Foreigners are entitled to the same protection in this country as our own citizens. As a matter of self-interest they must be well treated if our citizens are to be treated fairly when they are abroad. As a matter of common decency they are entitled to the courtesy of guests. They are a distinct minority here dependent upon our sufferance and it is less than brave to attack them--using tactics analogous to those the JDL complains of the Soviet government's using against the minority Jews in Russia. Ours is a democratic nation dedicated to freedom and peace for all. When we--whether acting through our government or as individuals--stoop to the methods of

totalitarian regimes we dissipate the strength that makes us great.

While these three defendants may believe themselves to be in a superior moral position, so far as the law is concerned when they use guns and bombs illegally they are not readily distinguishable from the Weathermen or Black Panthers on the left or the Klu Klux Klan on the right. Those groups too use terror to encourage a way of life their members-- in good faith no doubt--think needs to be encouraged and protected.

Fortunately, for themselves and innocent persons, so far as we can determine none of these defendants have had anything to do with armed violence that injured human beings; their activities had not gone much beyond the planning and preparation stage. Their plans were thwarted by a combination of good police work and chance discovery of caches of munitions. Had they used these weapons their plea to one indictment would not have been accepted, and upon conviction they would have gone to prison for many years.

The fact that they showed contrition by admitting guilt, turning in all weapons, and acknowledging wrong before anyone was injured must count heavily in their favor.

The question of when, if ever, individuals may act unlawfully to achieve what they conceive of as a great good to society has tantalized man since government first began to restrain him. While there has been some legal writing justifying civil disobedience it has concerned non-violent disobedience; responsible authors do not condone on any ground private violence by those not seeking the overthrow of our institutions--and it is clear that these defendants are not against our form of government; no subversion is involved here.

There is little philosophical justification--and none in the law--for private violence when avenues of redress through peaceful means exist. Local and national political power in this country gives these defendants and those they were trying to protect great leverage in the form of government support far beyond what they could hope to generate by private terrorism. Moreover, private violence alienates support for even the soundest position and undercuts the moral position both of those who use force illegally and of those they are trying to assist. In a heterogeneous society it breeds counterviolence and in the ensuing and often uncontrollable escalating clash of forces it is the weak and innocent who tend to be crushed.

The prosecution was properly concerned with protecting many innocent persons--and these defendants themselves-- from the terrible tragedies that would have resulted had any of these explosives been set off accidentally or purposefully. Nor are the claims that these were merely technical laws sound. These gun and weapons tax and registration laws are part of a program to begin to control guns in this country. Lack of control has led to many deaths and a homicide rate in this country which is unacceptable.

The issue of the technique of wiretapping without a court order is not before me because of the plea. All I need say now is that the government, as well as individuals must act lawfully under our Constitution and laws and our courts will insist that they do so.

This Court was not privy to the discussion among counsel that led to these pleas. And this Court made no promises as to leniency. But it seems clear from what has transpired that the primary purpose of the government in urging the Court to accept these pleas and in not proceeding with these prosecutions was to discourage further use of arms by private groups. There is a promise by these defendants in return for acceptance of their plea that they will use their influence to discourage such violence by the Jewish Defense League in the future.

The lack of restraint on the part of the frustrated who seek the individual psychic gain that physical striking out affords is hardly justifiable. It can particularly not be condoned when it explains acts of those purporting to be responsible adult leaders who ask others to look to them for succor. The Court finds nothing to indicate that these defendants are in a class which uses violence for the psychic thrill and sense of self-importance it gives. Those who know the defendants and who have spoken on their behalf assure the Court that they are serving in a selfless way. There are some signs of instability of purpose and judgment in their backgrounds, but each of them seems to have a stable family life and a purposeful existence. The Court is convinced that they are not deliberately seeking a jail term for the additional notoriety that would result or to gain some kind of credentia as martyrs.

Mr. Cohen stands before the Court as a first offender. But there is information that he has been arrested on a number of occasions as a result of demonstrations. This defendant was a Youth Group Leader at the Jewish Defense League Camp at Woodbourne, New York and was recognized as a minor expert in explosive devices. He is known to have successfully made and detonated numerous explosive devices and Molotov cocktails from May through September 1970, and instructed



other members of the "OZ-A" group--the strong arm unit of the JDL--in the manufacture and use of these devices. While he has dropped out of Yeshiva High School, he is proficient in the use of "Karate" and knows something about making bombs.

In his favor are the facts that he comes from a good family and that he is quite young.

Mr. Bieber was convicted of obstructing traffic in Washington, D.C. and fined \$10.00 in connection with action against the Russian Embassy. Within the Jewish Defense League he was the national head of the "OZ-A". On two occasions he is known to have received weapons that had been illegally purchased in Virginia and transported to New York. On one occasion he is known to have received 15 pounds of gun powder that the defendant Cohen brought to his home. The "OZ-A" section of the JDL obtained powders, fuses and chemicals to make explosives, which they exploded in the summer of 1970 at Camp Jedel in Woodbourne, New York.

In favor of Mr. Bieber are the facts that he has a devoted family including three teen-age children; that he attended college at night while he worked; that he has been steadily employed as a printer; and that he has done good works in his neighborhood and congregation, including work for the local ambulance corps.

Rabbi Kahane has a conviction for disturbing the peace for which he was fined \$500; and one for assault and obstruction of government property disposed of by payment of a \$250 fine. There is pending a charge against him for Inciting to Riot and Resisting Arrest.

When Avraham Hershkovitz and his wife were arrested at John F. Kennedy Airport they were carrying four handguns and a grenade; they admitted they were enroute to hijack an Arab airliner. Hershkovitz was carrying \$1500 and a personal check signed by the defendant, Rabbi Kahane, and it appears that this defendant was, in some way, connected with this hijacking plan.

When a cache of 57 rifles and shotguns, 16 handguns, 45 pounds of gunpowder, five yards of fuse and over 10,000 rounds of assorted caliber ammunition were discovered accidentally in an apartment in Brooklyn, it was discovered that 19 of the rifles and shotguns had been purchased by the defendant, Meir Kahane in July 1969 so that he was intimately involved in this operation.

The "OZ-A" group of the Jewish Defense League was accountable directly to the defendant Kahane.

There is evidence that defendant Kahane helped one Laurie escape from the United States when it became apparent that Laurie had purchased guns at the direction

and with money given to him by defendant Kahane. Based upon information given by Laurie there is substantial reason to believe that Rabbi Kahane was aware of or approved the fire bombing of a car in Philadelphia and of the plans for retaliatory bombings in Crown Heights, Brooklyn in July of 1970.

The construction of bombs at Camp Jedel in the summer of 1970 was accomplished at the direction of the defendant Kahane and with his approval.

There is no direct evidence that the bombing on October 6, 1970 of the Palestine Liberation Office building in Manhattan was done at the instigation of defendant Kahane but based on the evidence this possibility cannot be excluded.

There is no direct evidence that the 197 sticks of Trojan brand dynamite found on July 11, 1971 at the Palisades Interstate Parkway was under control of the defendant Kahane but there is good reason to believe that this is the case.

Trojan brand dynamite was found on June 22, 1971 by the Nassau County Police at the Russian Mission to the United Nations estate at Glen Cove, Long Island and also at the Manhattan office of the Russian import firm known as Amtorg, bombed at the height of business hours on May 13, 1971.

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The 17-1/2 pounds of smokeless powder, five pounds of blasting powder and six blasting caps with 16 foot leads found at the East Side Airlines Terminal in Manhattan on July 12, 1971 have not been directly connected with the defendant Kahane but there is a strong suspicion that he was connected with these objects through a conspiracy.

This information with respect to other events is based on hearsay and were there a trial of the issues it might well be shown that the defendant Kahane had nothing to do with them since the plea accepted by the government was only to a single narrow conspiracy; the defendant must be presumed to be innocent of these other activities. Nevertheless the undisputed fact of the finding of these objects shows how serious these activities can be and how much danger they present.

As leader of the JDL, Rabbi Kahane allowed young children who had no sufficient understanding of the implications of their acts to become embroiled in a dangerous and untenable position. It is fortunate for both the defendants and their young charges that they have been stopped in time.

On the positive side in favor of Rabbi Kahane is the fact that he came from a fine home; he has a devoted wife and four young children; he attended college and graduate school at night while he worked and provided for

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his family; as their Rabbi, he was teacher and guide to two congregations; and he has apparently not used his position for personal monetary gain. He has also comforted many Jews here and abroad who felt frightened and alone, besieged by overwhelming hostile forces.

The Court has in mind the recent recommendations of the American Bar Association Project on Minimum Standards Relating to Sentencing Alternatives and Procedures. One of the basic standards is that "A sentence not involving confinement is to be preferred. . ." Standard 2.3(c); Report at p. 72 (Approved Draft 1968). Section 7101 of the Model Penal Code also takes the position "the court shall deal with a person who has been convicted of a crime without imposing sentence of imprisonment unless, having regard to the nature and circumstances of the crime and the history, character and condition of the defendant, it is of the opinion that his imprisonment is necessary for the protection of the public. . ." The public will not be safer, the Court is convinced, if any of these three defendants is in jail.

A consideration of their backgrounds indicates that no rehabilitation from prison is required and that in the special circumstances of this case in which they are cooperating fully with the government to prevent future

violence, incarceration is not needed for deterrence. Their freedom will permit them to fulfill their part of the bargain the Court is assuming they made with the government to turn JDL away from illegal activities.

Accordingly, the Court renders sentence as follows:

Cohen: Three years probation for the duration of his minority under the Youth Correction Act. 18 U.S.C. § 5010(a). A discharge from probation satisfactorily completed before the end of his probation period will permit issuance of a certificate setting aside the conviction. This can be of great value if he wishes to join a profession or obtain a license or be employed in certain jobs. A fine of \$

Bieber: 3 years imprisonment with execution suspended and probation for 3 years. A fine of \$2,500.

Kahane: 5 years imprisonment with execution suspended and probation for 5 years. A fine of \$5,000.

A conviction for breach of the peace may be considered a violation of probation. They will conduct themselves with this fact in mind. An assault on persons or places is, as they know, criminal.

If the terms of probation are violated the suspension of the sentence will be revoked and jail for the full term imposed can result.

These defendants now stand condemned before their fellow citizens as felons--perpetrators of a serious crime. For members of orthodox Jewish families this public condemnation is a serious punishment. During their period of probation they will not be free men. They will have to report to probation officers and be supervised by them.

The Court has been informed that Rabbi Kahane wishes to migrate to Israel with his family. He is free to do so. Our Constitution and laws permit freedom of movement both in this country and through foreign travel or migration. This conviction does not deny him that great right.

So ordered.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York  
July 23, 1971

U.S.D.J.

In addition to the normal conditions of probation, they may have nothing to do directly or indirectly with guns, bombs, dynamite, gunpowder, fuses, molotov cocktails, clubs, or any other weapons.

The Court is levying a fine even though each defendant is a person of little means. The fines, it may be, will be paid by others, presumably by those who have supplied the money for the weapons and explosives. They remained in the background but are partly responsible for this mischief by these defendants who at least had the courage to publicly plead guilty.

The Court is not enjoining the defendants' free speech or peaceful picketing. They can say what they wish and praise or denounce as it pleases them. They may carry on the constructive parts of their work by teaching young people about their Jewish heritage and by showing them how to lead useful Jewish lives. They may, by use of the phrase "never again," and by lawful demonstration keep the conscience of the world alive to the horror of genocide in all its forms, past and present.

But their activities must be carried on without violence. In this country, at this time, it is not permissible to substitute the bomb for the book as the symbol of Jewish manhood.



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**Kahane Arrives in Israel**  
 Tel Aviv, Sept. 11 (UPI)—The head of the Jewish Defense League, Rabbi Meir Kahane, arrived in Israel today and outlined his group's mission in the Jewish state as that of a mediator for that nation's social problems. He told newsmen on arrival at Lod International Airport that he would set up a world JDL headquarters in Jerusalem but would split his time between Israel and the United States, one month at a time in each place.

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## Kahane Threatens Russians Will Die If Prisoner Does

Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the militant Jewish Defense League, asserted here today that Jewish militants would kill two Soviet diplomats somewhere if Miss Silva Zalmanson died in a Soviet labor camp.

A Soviet court sentenced Miss Zalmanson last year to 10 years' imprisonment for participation in a plot to hijack a Soviet airliner. She is the wife of Eduard S. Kuznetsov, one of two Jews sentenced to death in a Leningrad trial in connection with the plot. His sentence was commuted to a 15-year prison-camp term.

Miss Zalmanson's uncle, Avraham Zalmanson of Bat Yam, Israel, told newsmen that she had contracted tuberculosis and developed ulcers in prison and was dangerously ill.

"If anything happens to Silva Zalmanson or another Jew," Rabbi Kahane said at a news conference, "Soviet diplomats throughout the world will be open targets for Jewish militants." He recalled a slogan, "two Soviets for every Jew," adopted by the Jewish Defense League when it was harassing Soviet diplomats in the United States, and said the militants intended to carry it out if necessary.

Rabbi Kahane said he himself was not urging Jewish militants to take action because he was under a suspended five-year sentence in the United States for conspiring to make a bomb. The court, in New York, ordered him to have nothing to do with guns, bombs and other weapons.

The rabbi, who arrived in Israel last week as a settler, said he would not do anything that could embarrass Israel. He said he would spend some months abroad directing Jewish Defense League affairs.

Rabbi Kahane, who is Orthodox, founded the league for self-defense in 1968 in the wake of reported attacks on Jewish residents and storekeepers in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn.

The league has demanded that the Soviet Government permit Jews to emigrate freely to Israel. It has demonstrated against the Soviet Mission to the United Nations.

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(OO: NEW YORK)

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Re New York teletype to Bureau dated 1/12/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for New York 3 copies of an LHM concerning subject's speech at Syracuse, N.Y., on 1/9/72.

NYO is requested to disseminate 1 copy of the LHM to U. S. Secret Service, New York, New York.

The pretext telephone call was made by SA [redacted] who claimed to be a local college student interested in arranging for further appearances by MEIR KAHANE in the Syracuse area. [redacted] suggested that when calling the Harry Walker Agency to "mention my name and you will get a good price". [redacted] would not reveal the exact fee paid to KAHANE, but he conceded that he would appear for less than \$1,000.

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MEIR D. KAHANE

In an article entitled "Rabbi Kahane Fears Jews' Assimilation", the January 10, 1972, edition of the "Syracuse Herald-Journal", a daily newspaper circulated in the Syracuse, New York, area, reported that Rabbi MEIR KAHANE appeared as a guest speaker at Temple Adath Yeshurun on the evening of January 9, 1972. The article noted that KAHANE spoke before 500 persons and a panel of newsmen from local newspapers and radio and TV stations.

KAHANE was quoted as stating "The wave of the future in this country is the minority groups that for the last decade have been deprived". He criticized Jews for their support of non-Jewish causes at the expense of Jewish ones. He charged that the American Jewish establishment is presiding over the tragedy of destruction and assimilation of young Jews. KAHANE urged American Jewish youths to travel to and attend school in Israel and to make that country their home. He added that more students from Israel will be coming to live with American Jewish students on campuses here, including Syracuse University, to help instill a pride in them for being Jewish.

The article related that KAHANE said his organization, The Jewish Defense League, cannot accept the idea that a power similar to Hitler cannot come to power in the United States. He pointed out that Hitler was elected to his position during an economic and social crisis and that the United States is presently undergoing deep social, racial, and economic strife. KAHANE said "The radical right organizations, especially the American Nazi Party, have had enormous growth rates during the past two years".

KAHANE claimed that the Jewish Defense League has about 16,000 members, some 9000 of whom are below 22 years of age. He admitted there is a lack of support from the Jewish establishment but asked that his organization "not be evaluated by the number of members it has".

(A characterization of the Jewish Defense League is attached in the Appendix hereto)

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MEIR D. KAHANE

b7c A pretext telephone call to Temple Adath Yeshurun on January 13, 1972, disclosed that [REDACTED] of Temple Adath Yeshurun arranged for MEIR KAHANE's appearance at Syracuse, New York, through an agency known as Harry Walker, Incorporated, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. It was determined through the pretext call that KAHANE received "less than \$1000" for his speaking engagement.

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## APPENDIX

### JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

On May 5, 1971, a source advised that the Jewish Defense League (JDL) was formed in September, 1968, by Rabbi Meir Kahane, its present National Director.

The organization, with headquarters in New York, New York, is composed primarily of young Jewish militants who consider themselves as defenders of "Jewish rights." The militant attitude of the organization is reflected in the firearms and karate training afforded many of its members.

Demonstrations, vigils, and picketing primarily against Soviet establishments and personnel in New York, Washington, D. C., and other cities along the East Coast by the JDL, have resulted in physical harm and property damage for which JDL members have been arrested.

Public announcements by Rabbi Kahane state that the demonstrations are conducted to dramatize and bring public attention to the plight of Russian Jews. Kahane has also publicly stated that violence is sometimes necessary to accomplish the aims of the JDL.

Similar demonstrations have been conducted against Arab establishments, primarily in New York, New York, to dramatize the League's pro-Israel attitude. Several of these demonstrations have also resulted in property damage causing the arrest of JDL members who were charged with this damage.

Source advised that most well-known Jewish organizations are opposed to the JDL on both ideological and moral grounds.

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NOTE:

Subject, National Director of the aggressively militant Jewish Defense League (JDL) is currently on probation for five years as a result of his conviction in July, 1971, for violation of the Gun Control Act, 1968, investigated by the Treasury Department. In view of the high level interest and the extreme sensitivity surrounding the investigation of the JDL plot to bomb the Soviet Mission to the United Nations and the alleged plot of JDL to launch a sniper attack against the Soviet Embassy, we should be constantly aware of subject's location and activities.

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## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 1/13/72

Meir D. Kahane, National Director, Jewish Defense League (JDL), is on 5-years Federal Probation since 7/71 for violation of Gun Control Act of 1968. We have been following his activities on a day-to-day basis.

In attached, New York Office reported Kahane plans to travel to Miami, Florida, during latter part of week to launch drive by new Jewish Political Action Committee to defeat Mayor John V. Lindsay in Florida Presidential Primary.

Kahane plans to return to Israel on 1/17 or 18/72 but final arrangements for trip have not been completed.

Pertinent details contained in attached furnished by teletype to Dr. Kissinger at the White House, the Secretary of State, CIA, and Secret Service, and by messenger to the Attorney General (AG) and Assistant AG, Internal Security Division.

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PROBATION OFFICER, AND WHO IS ADVISED BY SUBJECT OF ANY TRAVEL  
OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN AREA OF NYC, ADVISED THAT KAHANE  
TRAVELLED TO SYRACUSE, NY ON JANUARY NINE, SEVENTYTWO TO DELIVER  
A SPEECH TO AN UNKNOWN GROUP. GOLD FURTHER ADVISED THAT KAHANE  
CANCELLED HIS PLANNED TRIP TO BOSTON, MASS. AND HAS NOT INDICATED  
ANY FUTURE PLANS TO GO THERE. GOLD FURNISHED KAHANE'S NY ADDRESS  
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ATF AGENT [REDACTED]

ADVISED THAT SURVEILLANCES [REDACTED]

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CONDUCTED BY ATF AGENTS AND NYCPD PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ESTABLISH THAT KAHANE ACTUALLY RESIDES AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS DURING HIS STAY IN NY.

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[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE MADE AN INQUIRY AT THE JDL HEADQUARTERS IN BROOKLYN, NY AND DETERMINED THAT KAHANE PLANS TO TRAVEL TO MIAMI, FLORIDA SOMETIME LATE THIS WEEK IN ORDER TO HELP LAUNCH A DRIVE BY THE "JEWISH POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE" TO DEFEAT NYC MAYOR JOHN V. LINDSAY IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY IN FLORIDA.

IT WAS ALSO DETERMINED THAT KAHANE PLANS TO RETURN TO ISRAEL EITHER JANUARY SEVENTEEN OR EIGHTEEN, SEVENTYTWO, FINAL ARRANGEMENTS NOT HAVING BEEN MADE AS OF YET.

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ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION OR TRAVEL PLANS CONCERNING KAHANE.

ALBANY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT LOGICAL SOURCES RE KAHANE'S  
APPEARANCE IN SYRACUSE, NY ON JANUARY NINE, SEVENTYTWO AND FURNISH  
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IS-NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JEWISH DEFENSE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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[REDACTED]  
Internal Security - Nationalistic Tendencies -  
Jewish Defense League

On January 11, 1972, [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and voluntarily furnished the following information:

He advised that he was a former member of the Jewish Defense League (JDL). [REDACTED]

The JDL, founded in 1968, is composed primarily of young Jewish militants who consider themselves as defenders of "Jewish Rights". Demonstrations attempting to dramatize the Jewish problem in Russia, and similar demonstrations against Arab establishments have often resulted in violence. Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder and National Director, has stated publicly on many occasions that violence is sometimes necessary to accomplish the aims of the JDL.

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By way of personal background, [REDACTED] advised that he was born [REDACTED] in New York City, and presently resides at [REDACTED] New York. [REDACTED] graduated from [REDACTED] and since that time has been in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he was first attracted to the JDL primarily because of the overall aims of the organization and because he felt he could assist the group because of a certain expertise [REDACTED] This expertise was gained through a life-long hobby [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicated that he became disenchanted with the organization after being involved for approximately a nine month period because it became evident to him that the original principles of the organization had been diluted by a militant faction of the organization which became more and more involved in violence rather than legal efforts to attain their objectives.

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While affiliated with the organization, he never gained any close association to the young "militant group", but had a reasonably close association with several of the older members who had been officers of the organization from its inception. He identified these members as Rabbi Kahane, founder of the JDL; Bertram Zweibon, its legal counsel; Murray Schneider, Treasurer; and Renee Brown, no longer with the organization but who formerly functioned as a publicity chairman; Herman Bieber, JDL Coordinator; and Dave Sommer; JDL Coordinator.

Through his association with the above individuals and his personal observation, he concluded that the most militant members of the JDL during his association were [REDACTED] of the group; [REDACTED] office employee; [REDACTED] of the organization; [REDACTED], who is no longer in the United States and resides in Israel; and [REDACTED]

He indicated that the above individuals were all relatively young, of Orthodox Jewish background, and most of whom had personal difficulty in their home life. He said that all are convinced that the eventual solution to their problem is permanent residence in Israel. With this as an

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objective, they have absolutely no fear of criminal conviction, or other difficulty in the United States, since they believe that eventually their backgrounds in this country will have no consequence upon their arrival in Israel for permanent residence.

According to [REDACTED], the above motivation has been very significant with regard to these individuals accepting any type of assignment in the name of the JDL with respect to violent acts.

b7c [REDACTED] also advised that it was his personal opinion that Rabbi Kahane is the motivating force of the JDL, and that if for any reason he should be removed from its leadership, the organization would have great difficulty in functioning. In this respect, [REDACTED] and Larry Fine, who heads the JDL in Kahane's absence, have been mentioned publicly as possible successors to Kahane, since he now spends a great deal of his time in Israel. According to [REDACTED] does not have the necessary ability nor inclination to represent the organization and is being primarily used by Kahane because of [REDACTED] whereby the money can be utilized primarily by Kahane without the knowledge of other members of the organization.

With respect to Fine, [REDACTED] made the assessment that he is basically dedicated to the JDL cause, but does not possess the necessary ability to head the organization.

[REDACTED] was also of the opinion that the best means of discrediting Kahane in the eyes of JDL members would not be through any arrest based on a violation involving political ramifications, but rather if the truth could be made evident with respect to his misappropriation of funds donated to the JDL and converted to his private use. [REDACTED] advised that he was unable to advise of any exact details in this regard, but did know personally that the only income available to Kahane for the past several years was ostensibly a modest salary and the money he earned through public appearances. According to [REDACTED] Kahane purchased a condominium apartment in Israel prior to the movement of his family to that country in the Fall of 1971, and he had heard from several sources that the money necessary for this purchase had been funneled by Kahane through [REDACTED]. In addition, [REDACTED] pointed out that he was personally aware of many bad checks

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written by Kahane, particularly to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and at the time of repayment the checks furnished by him had been returned marked insufficient funds. [REDACTED] In addition to the above, [REDACTED] advised that Kahane was not above writing checks to various members and friends of the JDL for services rendered and material purchased on non-existent bank accounts and accounts with insufficient funds.

Although personally not apprised of the activities of the organization, [REDACTED] is of the belief that the militant faction is capable of violence and if such violence occurred, it would probably be done with the knowledge of Rabbi Kahane. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would expect such violence to take place while Kahane is out of the United States, so that he could not be implicated in any such activities.

[REDACTED] Kahane is very distressed because of his failure to achieve two major objectives which he feels are necessary for the functioning of the JDL, which include (1) his inability to persuade any of the legal parties in the State of Israel to openly endorse JDL activities in the United States; and (2) his inability to organize or otherwise interest Jews in foreign countries, particularly Europe, to show any interest whatever in the JDL as it now functions.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. J. P. Mohr

TO : Mr. E. S. Miller

DATE: 1/18/72

FROM : T. J. Smith

SUBJECT: BOOK REVIEW

"NEVER AGAIN"  
BY RABBI MEIR KAHANE  
RESEARCH MATTER

- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
- 1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
- 1 - Mr. W. J. McDonnell
- 1 - Mr. T. J. Smith
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## SYNOPSIS:

"Never Again," referring to the enigmatic meekness of the millions of Jews who died in German concentration camps, was written by the founder and National Director of the militant Jewish Defense League, Rabbi Meir Kahane. The book is a blue-print for "Jewish Power," castigating Jews for their failure to keep Jewry in tact; for their self-destructive and futile preoccupation with trying to woo and win the gentile; for preoccupation with the rights of others, to the detriment of Jews; and for denying their children the chance to be Jews because of their (the parents) frantic search for the status and symbols of materialism. Kahane advocates a militant American Jewry, some formed into vigilante squads to protect Jews in crime-ridden areas, and all armed and ready to handle any aggressors--real or imagined. He points to dangers from the Left and Right, pinpointing the Right as offering to the American Jew an impending "fascist" pogrom to be condoned by the American people as another was condoned by the German people who, under the right circumstances, voted Hitler into power. As an answer, he counsels a back-to-Israel movement for all who can leave. For those who can't, he recommends working with non-Jewish groups for the sole advancement of Jewry. Kahane's book is dangerously nationalistic, ethnically insulting, and politically divisive. Kahane, presently on the Administrative Index, founded the Jewish Defense League in 1968 and has been arrested numerous times for rioting and violent demonstrations in which he and his group have been engaged, particularly against Soviet diplomatic personnel in his efforts to have Soviet Jewry freely immigrate to Israel. Kahane is presently on probation for five years stemming from his conviction in July, 1971, for violation of the Gun Control Act, investigated by the Treasury.

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Memorandum to Mr. E. S. Miller

Re: Book Review, "Never Again," By Rabbi Meir Kahane

Department. Because of the investigation of the group's plot to bomb the Soviet Mission and a further plot to launch a sniper attack against the Soviet Embassy, Bureau keeping close watch on Kahane's location and activities. No reference in book to Director or FBI and no record in files of publisher, Nash Publishing Corporation in Los Angeles, California.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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Memorandum to Mr. E. S. Miller  
Re: Book Review, "Never Again," By Rabbi Meir Kahane

DETAILS:

Review of the Book

Pointedly referring to the enigmatic epic when millions of European Jews walked into German ovens, "Never Again," which should have been titled, "A Blueprint for Jewish Power," is a very militant book written by the founder and National Director of the extremist Jewish Defense League, Rabbi Meir Kahane.

The book is an indictment of yesterday's and today's World Jewry for its contribution to the public image of the Jew as a meek, beaten, bloodied, and peculiarly masochistic scapegoat for history's politically repressed and economically deprived. It is a castigation of American Jews for their obsession with success and its status symbols; for their maudlin concern for the rights of all but Jews that will ultimately lead only to enhancing anti-Semitism; for their continuous strivings to gain the respect, acceptance, and "love" of gentiles; and for their failure to recognize that in their costly search for such elusive "trivia," they forfeit theirs and their children's Jewishness. And their children, neither Jews nor gentiles, seek their identities in drugs, leftist causes, and terrorist bombs.

The book is what Kahane hopes will be a literary bottle of starch for Jewish spines. It is a cultural and religious clarion call to all Jews to expend their attention, money, talents, power, and love exclusively on Jews; to educate and train their children in Jewry; and to return to the faith of their father, Abraham, and become--at all costs--Jews.

Like a Yiddish Frantz Fanon, author of "The Wretched of the Earth" and initiator of black violence against colonialism, Kahane has written a call to arms for all Jews to learn the art

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of self-defense, to achieve proficiency in firearms, to man their homes with trained marksmen and weapons, and, through vigilante squads, protect the helpless Jews in crime-ridden areas or any other areas where Jews are threatened. "If thy brother smite thee," smite him back! counsels Kahane, for regardless of what the softened Jewish liberals say, the strong respect only the strong. "The best laid plans of mouse-like men," warns Kahane, "usually go awry."

Kahane has belabored the need for Jewish self-respect as a preliminary to all dealings with all men and, as Hamlet said, "it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man."

Kahane denudes the American Jew of his Americanism by claiming that the "melting pot" is but a myth, for it has not and will never assimilate the Jew. Right now, claims the "prophet Meir," forces on the left, with the help of some foolish and misguided Jews--by whom all Jews will be judged when the "fascist" chips are down--have created perilous conditions among the thousands of Rightist Jew-haters in the United States that point directly to a rapidly approaching pogrom. And this pogrom will follow conditions and a public apathy that will duplicate those which occurred in Germany in the 1930s. "Never Again!" Whatever Americans may pretend, writes Kahane, this is the home of no Jew. The more the Jew defends the civil rights of others--black and white--the more he jeopardizes Judaism. For all Jews who can, return to Israel! For all who can't, invest your money in the homeland and invest your skills in coalescing with such non-Jewish individuals and groups that can in some way--today or tomorrow--aid the cause of Jewry. Start with the plight of the Soviet Jew! With an eye on the anti-Sovietism of the American Middle Western political bloc, engage in militant, publicized demonstrations against Soviet diplomatic personnel and force the President of the United States--soon to be in a rocking boat on a choppy political sea--to take steps to free Russian Jewry.

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Memorandum to Mr. E. S. Miller

Re: Book Review, "Never Again," By Rabbi Meir Kahane

Kahane's book is un-American, nationalistic, and extremely dangerous. In kicking over the "melting pot," Kahane ridicules America's proven guarantees of freedom for the thousands of "tired" and "poor" that streamed to this country from Europe's "teeming" shores. He is contemptuous of the innumerable members of his own religious and ethnic background who put their faith and trust in democratic ideals, and he slings mud on the sparkling threads they have woven into the political, economic, and social fabric of this country. He insults the intelligence and integrity of the American people by charging that, with so little provocation, they grin malevolently as they plot a Hitlerish pogrom. Such a book as this serves no purpose but to further divide the "House" against itself.

#### The Author

Kahane, who is presently on the Administrative Index, is National Director of the Jewish Defense League, which he founded in 1968. Kahane and members of his group have been arrested on numerous occasions for rioting and for acts of violence committed during demonstrations, mostly in support of Soviet Jewry. In September, 1971, he warned the Soviets that the Jewish Defense League would "kill two Soviet diplomats for every Jew that dies in a Soviet labor camp."

During the summer of 1971, the Jewish Defense League ran a training camp in the Catskill Mountains called Camp Jedel, where Jewish youths were taught to handle firearms and instructed in military drill and the art of self-defense.

Kahane is currently on probation for five years as a result of his conviction in July, 1971, for violation of the Gun Control Act, investigated by the Treasury Department. This organization also was investigated in connection with a plot to bomb the Soviet Mission to the United Nations. The Bureau is keeping a close watch on Kahane and his activities because of a new plot of the League to launch a sniper attack against the Soviet Embassy.

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**Memorandum to Mr. E. S. Miller**  
**Re: Book Review, "Never Again," By Rabbi Meir Kahane**

In September, 1971, Kahane, at that time in Tel Aviv, advised that he was going to set up a world headquarters in Jerusalem and would divide his time between Israel and the United States.

**Bureau References**

There are no references to the Director or the Bureau in Kahane's book, nor are there any references in Bureau files to the publisher, the Nash Publishing Corporation, Los Angeles, California.

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TO DIRECTOR WNB69

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ON JANUARY EIGHTEEN, SEVENTYTWO, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED  
RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT AT THE OPENING OF  
THE TWENTYEIGHTH ZIONIST CONGRESS OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZA-  
TION ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY EIGHTEEN, SEVENTYTWO, AT THE MAIN CON-  
CERT HALL, JERUSALEM, ISRAEL, THREE GROUPS WILL BE REPRESENTED  
OUTSIDE THE CONCERT HALL PROTESTING THE MEETING. THE GROUPS  
ARE THE ISRAELI BLACK PANTHER PARTY (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE  
BLACK PANTHER PARTY IN THE UNITED STATES), THE JEWISH DEFENSE  
LEAGUE (JDL), AND SOME REPRESENTATION FROM ISRAEL THE EXTREMIST WING  
OF THE GAHAL PARTY, AN ISRAELI RIGHT WING BLOCK POLITICAL PARTY.  
THE JDL'S LEADER MEIR KAHANE IS IN ISRAEL AND IS EXPECTED TO  
APPEAR AT THE CONCERT HALL. HE HAS BEEN REFUSED BY THE WORLD ZIONIST  
ORGANIZATION PERMISSION TO SPEAK BEFORE THE SESSION BUT IN A PUBLIC  
STATEMENT IN DECEMBER, SEVENTYONE, THREATENED THAT HE WOULD DO SO.

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WITHOUT THIS PERMISSION. LATER HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE STATED THAT IF HE IS UNABLE TO ENTER THE CONCERT HALL HE WILL GIVE A SPEECH ON THE OUTSIDE.

THE SOURCE STATED THAT HE KNOWS OF NO COOPERATION BETWEEN THE THREE GROUPS DEMONSTRATING AND EVEN POINTED OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A MANIFESTATION OF HOSTILITY BETWEEN THE GROUPS. HOWEVER THE ISRAEL NATIONAL POLICE IS ANXIOUS TO AVOID ANY UNCONTROLLED DEMONSTRATION AND HAS INDICATED THEY WILL TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES TO MAINTAIN ORDER.

THE SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT SINCE THE MAIN CONCERN OF THE ORGANIZATION WILL BE THE PLIGHT OF SOVIET JEWRY, KAHANE MAY WELL UTILIZE HIS ORGANIZATION'S OWN ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE ALLEGEDLY BEEN ON BEHALF OF SOVIET JEWRY IN HIS SPEECH DURING THE EVENING OF JANUARY EIGHTEEN, SEVENTYTWO.

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GRESS TO BE ATTENDED BY FIVE HUNDRED FIFTYONE DELEGATES FROM  
TWENTYSIX COUNTRIES, APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FROM UNITED  
STATES, AND ANY DEMONSTRATION BY KAHANE COULD GAVE FAR-REACHING  
AFFECT UPON THESE DELEGATES FROM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.,

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 18, 1972

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (105-16267) RUC

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE  
IS-NT-JDL

Re Butel December 14, 1971 and WFO letter January 14, 1972.

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[REDACTED] and established sources have been alerted to report any information on subject. However, no information has been received to date.

Baltimore will report any information developed.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-5767)

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE  
IS-NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL  
(OO: NY)

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of a news item which appeared in the 1/19/72 late city edition of the "New York Post", page 5.

The Bureau is requested to furnish one copy to Legat, Tel Aviv for informational purposes.

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ENCLOSURE



Three club-wielding Israeli policemen struggle with a young demonstrator outside the opening ceremony of the 28th Zionist Congress in Jerusalem. Police said most of the demonstrators belonged to Israel's small New Left and Black Panther movements or to the Jewish Defense League, headed by Rabbi Meir Kahane of New York. About 30 were arrested.

Associated Press Cablephoto.

## Kahane in Jerusalem To Fight Zionist 'Gag'

By CY EGAN

Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of the Jewish Defense League, flew to Jerusalem today to defy an attempt to bar him from addressing the 28th Zionist Congress there on the need for an exodus of American Jews to Israel.

Kahane declared his intention to "try to speak" to members of the congress as he departed last night from Kennedy Airport on an El Al flight.

In Jerusalem, Arye Pincus, chairman of the 10-day congress, said Kahane would be barred from speaking, as he was last year.

"Rabbi Kahane apparently wants to warn that American Jews are about to be engulfed in a new holocaust," Pincus said. "We do not agree with this view. Rabbi

Kahane has not been duly elected as a delegate. We see no reason why we should put him on the program."

Kahane told reporters at Kennedy that emigration for American Jews is not a luxury," and he reiterated his frequent criticism of American politics, race relations and the U. S. position on Soviet Jews.

"There is a change of climate that bodes ill for Jews in this country," he said.

He urged the Zionist Congress to call "an emergency conference of the American Jewish community and organizations to plan a massive, organized propaganda campaign to plan for a practical aliya [mass exodus] to the land of Israel."

Kahane's departure came only a few hours after shout-

ing demonstrators in Jerusalem clashed with police outside the auditorium where the congress opened with delegates from 26 countries in attendance.

Led by Israeli Black Panthers the protesters shouted out grievances about housing, immigration and social conditions.

They distributed pamphlets which complained that because of a housing shortage, some families were being turned out of their homes so Soviet Jews coming to Israel might have places to live.

Helmeted police with shields and batons fired water cannon on the skirmishing protesters and drove them back from barricades outside the meeting hall. About 25 were arrested.



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A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS A JOURNALIST AND WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED ON JANUARY TWENTYFIVE, SEVENTYTWO, THAT MEIR KAHANE SPOKE TO ABOUT SIX HUNDRED PEOPLE AT THE CENTRAL HOTEL IN JERUSALEM ON NIGHT OF JANUARY TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYTWO. MEETING LASTED ONE AND A HALF HOURS. KAHANE'S THEME WAS THAT A WORLD CONFERENCE OF JEWS SHOULD BE CREATED WHICH WOULD PREVAIL UPON ALL JEWS TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES. HE PREDICTED THAT PERSECUTION OF JEWS IN THE U.S. WAS IMMINENT AND TO ESCAPE THIS THEY SHOULD COME TO ISRAEL, WHERE THERE WAS AMPLE ROOM FOR THEM TO SETTLE. PERSONS WHO ATTENDED KAHANE'S MEETING INCLUDED DELEGATES FROM THE TWENTYEIGHTH ZIONIST CONGRESS, RECENT RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL, AND AMERICAN JEWS. REPORTS OF MEETING BEING CARRIED BY ISRAELI TELEVISION AND RADIO.

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TO DIRECTOR

NEW YORK 157-5767

FROM MIAMI [REDACTED] (c)

MEIR D. KAHANE. IS - NT - JDL.

RE N.Y. TEL TO BUREAU, JANUARY THIRTEEN, SEVENTY TWO.

(c) ON JANUARY THIRTEEN, SEVENTY TWO, [REDACTED]

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COVERAGE TO KAHANE'S VISIT AND ANY PERTINENT INFO WILL BE  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/14/72

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-102100) (P)

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES  
JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

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Logical established sources have been alerted to report any information received on captioned subject.

WFO will report any information furnished by sources.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-29629)(RUC)

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE, aka  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL

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DATE: 1/31/72

ReLAairtel 11/26/71 with LHM enclosure.

A review of the tape recording furnished by source, as mentioned in referenced airtel, relative to the appearance of KAHANE at Los Angeles Valley Junior College on 11/16/71 reveals that the recording is of extremely poor quality and disjointed.

Nothing of consequence was gleaned from the review. As noted in LHM enclosure to referenced airtel, the source advised that KAHANE spoke of the aims and purposes of the Jewish Defense League.

The recording has been returned to source.

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TO SAC NEW YORK (157-5767)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-207795)

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NOTE:

Subject, National Director of Jewish Defense League (JDL), an aggressively militant organization dedicated to the protection of "Jewish rights," has been on five years Federal probation since 7/71 for violation of the Gun Control Act of 1968, investigated by Treasury Department. We have been closely following subject's activities and travels because interest in him expressed by high level members of the Executive Branch of Government and currently because of our intensive investigation of the two fire bombings which occurred on 1/26/72 at Hurok Concerts, Inc., and Columbia Artists, Inc., both in New York City. Kahane has been in Israel since 1/18/72.

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TO: Director, FBI (105-207795)  
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The Jewish Defense League (JDL) is described as a  
militant activist group, dedicated to the struggle  
for freedom, democracy, and Jewish rights.

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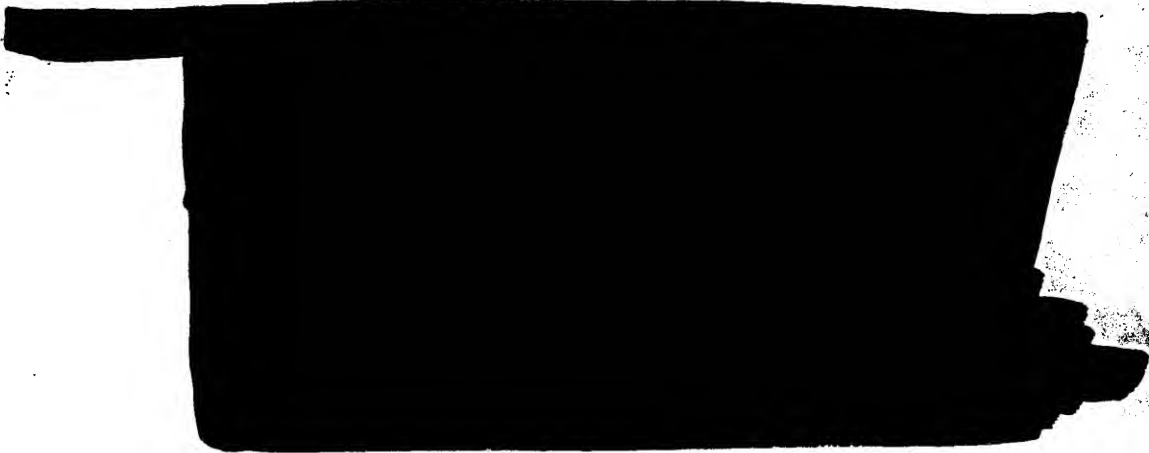
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FROM: Legat, Tel Aviv (105-3) (P)

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE, aka.  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL

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Enclosed is a tape recording obtained by Legat through USIS representatives from Kol Yisrael, the Israeli radio station. This tape recording was broadcast by the radio station on January 17, 1972, and runs for approximately fourteen minutes. It contains an interview in English with KAHANE. The interviewer is not identified.

Legat has listened to the tape. KAHANE speaks of his family background and childhood in New York, his early arrests, and his religious training. He discusses his law work in Washington, D. C., particularly that aimed at the John Birch Society, where he endeavored to conduct research and develop sources in order to identify the financial backers of the John Birch Society.

KAHANE mentions his first visit to Israel in 1963 when he remained for three months on a Kibbutz. He discusses the beginnings of the JDL in 1968, with activity aimed at helping Jews in crime-ridden areas in New York. He comments that in his opinion, violence in itself is bad, but that sometimes it is necessary. He justified the violence aimed at Soviet diplomats in the United States with remarks that he felt such violence would publicize the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union, would improve the spirit of the Soviet Jews, and would encourage moderate Jewish groups to acts they otherwise would not have taken.

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He specifically stated he would use the help and assistance of criminals, if such would aid Jews. He stated that the JDL was establishing a center in Israel as a symbol for immigration of Jews to Israel, which he viewed as the most important objective of JDL. He said that JDL had given Jewish youth a pride in themselves, particularly Jewish youth in the United States.

He concluded the interview with remarks concerning the future of the JDL. He said that the situation of the Jews in the United States was so bad that it "probably will lead to a tragedy for U. S. Jews." He stated that he believed the Jews must leave America now.

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KAHANE EXPECTS TO REMAIN IN THE U.S. FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE  
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for freedom, democracy, and Jewish rights.

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SUBJECT'S DESIRE TO SETTLE IN ISRAEL:

The following article appeared in the January 8, 1971, edition of "The Jerusalem Post," an English language newspaper published at Jerusalem, Israel:

"J.D.L. LEADER TO SETTLE HERE

"Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of the militant Jewish Defense League in New York, plans to return with his family this August to settle in Israel, he told reporters yesterday. Rabbi Kahane was leaving after a week-long visit to his brother.

"He added that he was not all sure what he would do when he got here.

"Rabbi Kahane reiterated the cry of the J.D.L. that, as long as Jews in Russia are deprived of their freedom, there will be no peace for Russian emissaries in the United States."

STATEMENTS INDICATING JDL WOULD MOVE "INTERNATIONAL" HEADQUARTERS TO ISRAEL:

On January 26, 1971, subject spoke at Dickinson College under the auspices of the Hillel Council Jewish students organization, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Included in a question and answer period following his speech was a statement by the subject that he planned to move from the United States to Israel, where he would set up an international office of the JDL. He stated he would make this move in the very near future with his family. He, however, planned to make frequent trips to the United States on speaking engagements. He also stated that the reason for establishing an international office was due to the numerous inquiries the JDL has received regarding its movement from concerned Jews all over the world.

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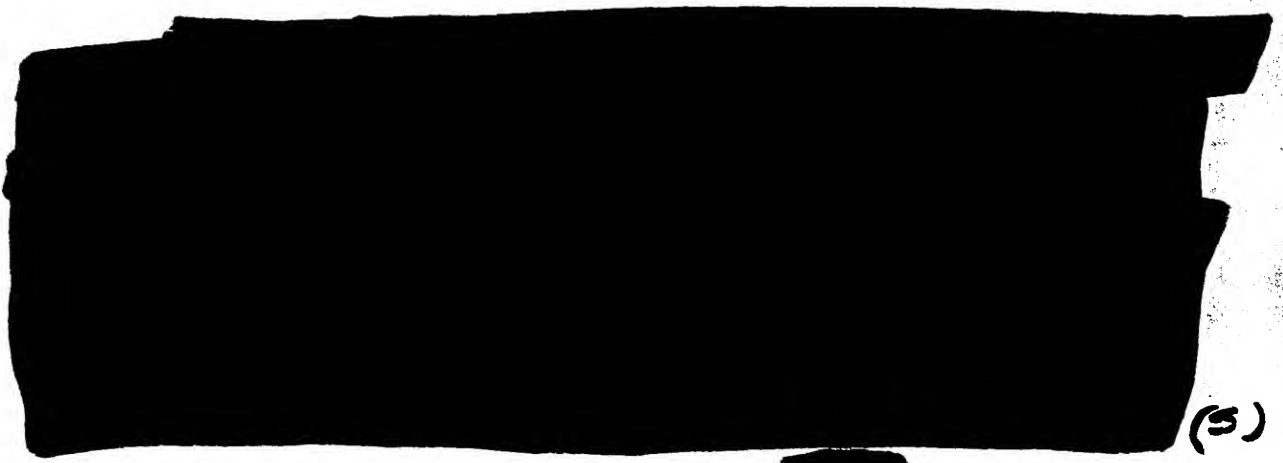
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The following article appeared in "The Jerusalem Post" on July 5, 1971:

Jewish Defense League plans move to Israel

The Jewish Defense League yesterday announced plans for transferring its operations from the U. S. to Israel. It did so through the person of 20-year-old Neil Rothenberg, the international coordinator of the J.D.L. Youth Movement. The gangling Brooklyn College psychology undergraduate announced: 'We will set up the international headquarters of our organization in the international headquarters of the Jews.'

The young man, who was introduced to an unruly press conference at Beit Sokolow as the J.D.L. spokesman, declared that 'as you know we believe in action' and announced that in the next fortnight the J.D.L. will demonstrate in Jerusalem to persuade the Israeli Government to put pressure on the U. S. to release Avraham Hershkowitz from jail. Hershkowitz was sentenced to five years' imprisonment when convicted of seeking to hijack a plane. Mr. Rothenberg described Hershkowitz's crime as a 'breach of passport regulations.'

He declined to comment on the story of the non-Jewish J.D.L. member, Christina Canziani--wanted by the U. S. authorities--whose forged passport was confiscated by U. S. officials, only charging 'this is part of the general

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harassment of our members by U. S. authorities.'

The J.D.L. spokesman preferred not to term himself 'advance man for J.D.L. boss Rabbi Meir Kahane' but reported that Rabbi Kahane will 'definitely' come to live here in September and will run the J.D.L. International Office from Jerusalem.

Mr. Rothenberg said the J.D.L. will be working with the 'Black Panthers.'

He denied that two J.D.L. members were arrested by police for pulling knives in a fight with leftist demonstrators in Jerusalem some months back, only saying, 'anyone can get J.D.L. buttons, you know.'

The J.D.L. was aware that Premier Golda Meir had denounced its activities as harmful to the cause of Soviet Jewry, he said 'but that is her personal opinion. We think she speaks only for a minority of Israelis and Jews abroad.'

Mr. Rothenberg denied that his group was linked with Mr. Simuel Tamir's Free Centre Party, declaring that they had approached Mr. Tamir to represent Miss Canziani 'because he is a very good lawyer.'

Mr. Tamir told a radio interviewer that Miss Canziani wanted to stay in Israel and become Jewish. A radio newsman reported that she had been helped in approaching the Ministry of the Interior for the right to remain in Israel by Mr. Haiman Kahane, Director of the Minister of Religious Affairs' Bureau, and brother of J.D.L. leader Meir Kahane.

Mr. Tamir said that one of the two men who had snatched Miss Canziani's passport had been an Israeli, and he was urging the police to look into his identity and his role in the affair, as he benefitted from no diplomatic immunity."

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The Black Panther Party is a black extremist organization started in Oakland, California, in December, 1966. It advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics to bring about the overthrow of the United States Government.

The September 15, 1971, issue of "The Jerusalem Post" contained the following article:

"Meir Kahane here as immigrant

"Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of the Jewish Defense League, arrived here yesterday as an immigrant. On alighting from his El Al plane, Rabbi Kahane told reporters that even after he establishes his home in Jerusalem he will continue to lead the J.D.L. and divide his time between Israel and the U. S."

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SUPPORT FOR THE SUBJECT IN ISRAEL:

The following is an article that appeared in the April 13, 1971, issue of "The Jerusalem Post" entitled "Public opinion divided on Rabbi Kahana", which is as follows:

"While most Israelis do not favor the violent methods advocated by Rabbi Kahane and his Jewish Defense League, they do think he should have been given the platform at the Brussels conference.

"This emerged from the latest poll conducted by Pori, Public Opinion Research of Israel. It reported that 48.1 percent of the public oppose violence against Soviet diplomats as part

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of the campaign for Soviet Jewish rights, while 15.8 percent back the JDL. Another 14.9 percent say 'no need to go overboard' yet are 'slightly for' sharp measures against the Soviet representatives.

"At the same time 57.3 percent thought that Rabbi Kahane should not have been kept out of the Brussels conference while 17.9 percent thought the conference presidium acted correctly.

"Twenty percent preferred not to voice any view.

"Pori Director Raphael Gil related that his organization carried out the recent 'Time' poll. Representatives of the Harris Poll came over from London and New York to prepare the survey."

The October 27, 1971, issue of 'The Jerusalem Post' contained a letter to the editor, which is as follows:

"KAHANE vs. LIPSKY AND LANSKY

"Sir,--In his letter to the Editor (October 21), Ya'acov Sharon claims that Meir Kahane is more harmful than Claude Lipsky or Meyer Lansky and more damaging to Israeli and Jewish reputation and image.

"May I point out the following:

"1. Lipsky and Lansky, though never convicted, are fugitives, afraid or unwilling to face what they fled. Kahane was always ready to face trial if the law was infringed and to pay the price of his convictions. He is not a criminal.

"2. Maybe Sharon differs with Kahane on the latter's 'rash' tactics of making life difficult for Soviet diplomats. I am sure that most Soviet Jews, when they read about 'Jewish hooligans' on the first page of 'Pravda,' are proud of their brethren who refuse to be silent, to forgive or forget.

"AVI LIPKIN, Chairman  
"Jerusalem Gahal Students"

The following are letters to the editor of 'The Jerusalem Post' dated March 4, 1971:

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"The J.D.L. at Brussels Conference

"Sir,--As a Jew, I was appalled at the rude ousting of Rabbi Meir Kahane from the Brussels Conference. I believe that this act not only showed the lack of respect some Jews can have for others, but defeated the entire purpose of the meet.

"As a Jewish Defense League member and supporter for several years, I can only display contempt and disgust for the act, and sympathy for those who were responsible for it.

"ITZHAK BEN-AHI

"Neve Fitan, February 26.

"Sir,--While members of the world Jewish establishment may not be in agreement with the methods and actions advocated by Rabbi Kahane with respect to Soviet Jewry, Rabbi Kahane does represent a segment of the world Jewish community, especially here in the United States. Our Jewish leaders deny this, of course. Rabbi Kahane should have been permitted to participate in the Conference.

"I ask only that in the future, whatever the views of an individual, they be respected and an opportunity be given for these views to be expressed openly. All sides must be heard--no one must be excluded. We must work together, unified in our desire for justice and freedom. Division and disunity have failed too many times in the past to be adopted as our modus operandi.

"YEHOSHUA BARAK

"Great Neck, N.Y., February 26."

OPPOSITION TO THE JDL IN ISRAEL:

The following is an editorial appearing in "The Jerusalem Post" for November 1, 1971:

"J.D.L. Threat to Peace

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"Jewish self-defense in the U. S. arose some years back in sections of New York City where orthodox Jewish boys were liable to be molested or assaulted on their way from school. The original 'Maccabee' defense organization helped to keep its area secure, to warn members of street gangs that they might find themselves tangling with capable adults if they assaulted children, and to restore Jewish self-confidence to some extent.

"The Jewish Defense League as visualized by Rabbi Kahane which based itself on these beginnings was a very different affair. It sought the limelight and political action in defense-at-a-distance projects. It harassed Soviet diplomats in retaliation for the persecution of Jews seeking to leave Soviet Russia. It drew strength from the victories of the Israel Army. It also found a certain amount of sympathy -- except among the U. S. Administration which was blamed by the Russians -- because there is no direct way of countering Soviet oppression. That does not mean, on the other hand, that members of the Defense League can come here and threaten or harass Arabs at the Damascus Gate, in the fasting and festival month of Ramadhan, as though those citizens of Jerusalem were an alien colossus not accessible to the normal process of law.

"Within the past few days the police has completed an investigation leading to the discovery of persons who allegedly admit to having carried out bomb attempts two years ago. It seemed to many at that time that Providence must have taken a hand to cause a boy to steal a booby-trapped water melon from a stall at the circus in Haifa and to break the wire that would have set off its charge. Few sabotage attempts have remained undiscovered, for who will commit a dangerous act of sabotage and never brag of it? There is now a firm belief that, sooner or later, terrorists will pay the price, which has deterred many would-be saboteurs and preserved many lives.

"There has been a minimum of sabotage and terrorism since 1967, despite the fearful forecasts of our friends. The main factor, of course, has been that life has been shown to be very livable on the West Bank, which was able to attract 100,000 Arab summer visitors this year, and that the inhabitants of the West Bank are beginning to take stock of the political future.

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"The population of Israel has long since ceased attempts at counterviolence because it has found that its defense needs are in very good hands. But the peace of Jerusalem, which has become a matter for gratitude here and amazement abroad is due first of all to the fact that every Arab citizen knows that even as a minority, and in occupied areas, he walks safe from mob rule or mob retaliation for the possible deeds of others.

"We do not need and will not tolerate the self-styled services of the J.D.L. in threatening to retaliate for future acts of terrorism. They constitute an offense and threat to the Arab population, and an insult to the police. In America they were able up to a point to cash in on the determination and success of the Israel army in defending this country. Here, they are an insult to the intelligence and a political danger, a grotesque, tragic diaspora travesty of defense. They arrogate to themselves 'democratic rights' which they do not possess, for nobody has elected them to make these decisions. They are more unwelcome and more dangerous to Israel than a whole regiment of Lanskys, or a network of Fatah agents bent on destroying Israel-Arab relations."

"The following is a letter to the editor of "The Jerusalem Post," dated November 22, 1971:

"Kahane is accused by former friend

"Sir.--The J.D.L. is a new phenomenon to Israel. It is an organization that I have studied thoroughly before my immigration to Israel and whose leader, Meir Kahane, I have known well, having been raised in the same neighborhood in Brooklyn, New York. We were friends until our mid-twenties when we married and left the neighborhood. It is my firm conviction that the J.D.L. is an undemocratic, fascist-style organization, whose goals are undefined, whose activities other than fund-raising and publicity for its leadership are counterproductive and whose leader, being a physical coward, has never participated in any activity that placed him in any physical danger and

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whose political philosophy is very far from democratic libertarianism.

"Now to prove the above contentions, the J.D.L. has been in existence for more than three years. It was created by a group of less than 10 people; this group took control and power and have never allowed the membership, supposedly in the thousands, the right of election. Political scientists have defined democratic organizations as those in whom the ultimate power rests in the membership, who delegate this power to their representatives, chosen by election at regular intervals. Dictatorships are defined as organizations in which the power is vested in the hands of one individual or a small group, responsible to no one but themselves.

#### "ANALYZING SLOGANS

"What are the programs and policies of the J.D.L.? They have proclaimed that 'We will defend Jews and Jewish interests wherever they are in danger.' As a slogan, it reads beautiful and heroic, but if we take just a moment to reflect and analyze it, we find its inherent dangers. The definition of 'Who is a Jew' is now vexing the State of Israel and Jewish scholars are pondering the question. No definitive solution has been reached. Are we to leave the determination of this question to a group of American Jews without any credentials for Jewish knowledge and scholarship? With regard to Jewish interests, I have yet to see or find a question in which Jews have agreed except in those situations where a man or a group opposed all Jews or Judaism only on the grounds that they were Jews. I, for one, am not going to allow men like Meir Kahane to determine for me what are or are not Jewish interests.

"As far as the word 'defend' is concerned, the question arises, how and by what means? So far, the J.D.L. is associated with these methods: Shooting into bedrooms where children sleep, planting bombs in the dead of night, cursing and haranguing women on streets, attacking in force business offices and beating up individuals. Would anybody compare these defensive activities to David, Masada and the Six Day War? Where have these defensive activities occurred? In Eastern Europe? In Arab nations? Or in anti-semitic strongholds? No, in New York, or Washington, D. C., in a nation whose history has not been one of anti-Israeli

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or anti-semitic activity. A nation whose freedom to speak and demonstrate is not only permitted by law but jealously protected by that same law.

"For the past seven years, I lived in a small city, having a small Jewish population, and I can report that the activities of the J.D.L. have not gained any adherents to Jewish causes or respect for Jews. This group has gone to the extreme of defending Jewish interests, even when not requested to and, in certain instances, contrary to the desires of Jewish groups.

#### "FUND-RAISING

"With regard to fund raising, the J.D.L. has raised great sums of money. Its speakers get fees of \$200 or more for lectures. It can't all go for baseball bats, guns and dynamite. I for one would like to see an accounting.

"Being an undemocratic organization, it is most important to understand the man who is the organization, Martin (Meir) Kahane. Marty was known by his friends as having 'fast feet.' By that we meant that, in contact sports, he was the furthest from the area of contact and when we had to fight, he was the first home--in fact, he was home before the fight was over. In all the riots the J.D.L. has been involved in, Kahane has yet to be bruised.

"His views as to other peoples, cultures and races can be discerned from two of the many discussions we held. In 1950, Rabbi Kahane wrote a Constitution for Israel. He asked me to read it and give him my views. One of the clauses excluded all those who were not Jewish from citizenship or the ownership of property. When I questioned him as to his solution for those who were then citizens and their property, he replied that expulsion and expropriation were the solution. He acknowledged that this was an undemocratic solution and admitted he favors fascism.

"In sum, we find a man and organization who has wrapped

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himself in the Magen David, proclaimed himself the 'defender' of Jews and with the use of newspapers and television, become a somebody. Should the press forget him for two months, he and his group would pass from the scene, and the quicker he is forgotten, the better.

"HUBERT JOSEPH COHEN

"Netanya, November 12"

A letter to the editor of "The Jerusalem Post" for November 5, 1971, is as follows:

"Unwelcome 'Defense'

"A few days ago, a 'regiment' of the Jewish Defense League made its way to the Old City. Its members came to protest what they called 'Arab harassment of Jews.' This absurd claim was based on the grenade attack of Jewish worshippers during Succot and the alleged scoffs of Arab children who jeered at the celebrating community during Simhat Tora in East Jerusalem. The League also handed out pamphlets that called upon the Arab population to leave, if 'unwilling to live by J.D.L. standards.' These pamphlets said that the J.D.L. will 'exercise the democratic right of self-defense if the need arises.'

"No doubt, the members of this group, all Americans, not Israelis, are thinking in terms of the Jewish self-defense movement that first saw the light of day a few years ago in the sections of New York in which Orthodox Jewish boys, on their way home after class, were liable to be molested by street gangs. The original 'Maccabee' movement succeeded in warding off the threat, thereby restoring Jewish self-confidence.

"More recently, an offshoot of the beginnings gave birth to the Jewish Defense League, led by Rabbi Kahane, who demanded political recognition, and found inspiration in the victories of Israel's Army. Faced with the persecution of their Russian brethren, the J.D.L. took to harassing Soviet diplomats in the United States.

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"Now their focus of action seems to have shifted to Israel. The slogan of 'self-defense' is being used to threaten the peace in Jerusalem between Arab and Jew. Coexistence is vital to Israel. The claim to self-defense is therefore, by any standard, lamentably out of place. Human reactions and statistics herald a hopeful future for united Jerusalem: some 100,000 visitors from Arab countries crossed the bridges; inhabitants seem to have come to the conclusion that the political status of the West Bank cannot be that of June 4, 1967; acts of terrorism have dwindled dramatically in the past few years; Jews and Arabs by the thousand rub shoulders daily in the bazaars, without any sort of violence or tension, and with remarkable good humor prevailing. It would be a happier world if everybody got on as well as the crowds in the Old City.

"All these facts serve to brand J.D.L. activities in Israel as an unwanted import, a threat to public peace and an expression of contempt for the Israel Police. Israel does not need this sort of defense. If the members of the J.D.L. want to defend this country, they should enlist in Zahal and give disciplined expression to their love of Israel.

"SHMUEL KORNDORFF"

"The Jerusalem Post" for January 14, 1971, contained a summary of comments printed in Israeli newspapers criticizing the JDL in the United States "for the damage caused by its violent actions:"

"Davar (Histadrut) asserts: 'There is nothing holy about Jewish terrorism, even if the motives are pure and it is designed to serve a just protest.'

"Lamerhav (Socialist) stresses: 'Even immigrants from the Soviet Union are of the opinion that the Jewish Defense League's clashes can only sabotage the just struggle for Soviet Jewry. Furthermore, the J.D.L.'s actions will only serve Moscow's ends.'

"Al Hamishmar (Mapam) defines the League as a 'small and lawless' group. 'While the League sets itself up as defender of the Jews, it sticks a knife in the back of the campaign being waged on behalf of Soviet Jewry.'

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"Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael) opines: 'The President of the U. S. cannot stand calmly by, while an extremist group sabotages relations between his country and the Soviet Union.'

"She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) writes: 'Dozens of years of struggle notwithstanding, Jews in Israel have never once been tempted to emulate their enemies' methods. This is not the way Jews fight, and therein lies their strength.'

"Omer (Histadrut) reminds members of the league that 'the road to hell is paved with good intentions.'

PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE BY SUBJECT IN ISRAEL:

The December 27, 1971, issue of "The Jerusalem Post" contained the following article:

"Kahane 'will speak' at Congress

"Rabbi Meir Kahane yesterday declared that the voice of the Jewish Defense League would be heard at next month's Zionist Congress, whether the organizers like it or not. The JDL leader was about to take off for New York, for a few weeks' stay in connection with JDL matters.

"Rabbi Kahane denied reports suggesting that his organization had failed to present to the organizers of the Congress a representation petition with the necessary 500 signatures. He said that more than a year ago his organization had handed in

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2,000 signatures; but, he added, the application was repeatedly put off.

"Rabbi Kahane told reporters: 'I'm certain that even if I had come up with 5,000 signatures, they wouldn't have granted my organization official representation -- for reasons known only to the organizers of the Zionist Congress. I'd like to warn them right here and now that I shall return to Israel before the opening of the Congress, and I am preparing to take part whether or not I get their permission. I hope there will be no repetition of the scene at the Brussels Conference.'

"On February 24, Rabbi Kahane was forcibly ousted from a session of the World Conference of Jewish Communities on Soviet Jewry, and expelled by the Belgian authorities as a danger to law and order. Rabbi Kahane charged at the time that he was removed at the request of the organizers of the conference, 'who wanted unity,' and refused to hear a dissenting voice."

"The Jerusalem Post" for December 3, 1971, contained the following article:

"Kahane: Would act with violence over Arab lands Jewry

"The Jewish Defense League leader, Rabbi Meir Kahane, has threatened to employ the same techniques to secure the release of Jews from Arab lands as he has been using on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

"Speaking at a student rally at the Western Wall plaza yesterday, Rabbi Kahane said the J.D.L. would not be deterred from using violence, if necessary.

"'What we did for Jews in Russia we will do for Jews in Arab countries...harassment in New York, in London and even in Damascus,' the rabbi said."

The September 28, 1971, issue of 'Ha'aretz', a Hebrew-language newspaper published in Israel, contained the following article:

"Kahane: If anything bad happens to Sylvia Zalmanson - Two Russian diplomats will be executed

"'If anything bad happens to Sylvia Zalmanson, the Jewish prisoner in the Soviet Union : two Soviet diplomats will be

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executed. For every Jew in Russia - two Soviets anywhere in the world. An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth,' this crude and strong warning was voiced by Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the Jewish Defense League in the U. S., at a press conference he held yesterday on Mt. Zion in Jerusalem, at the opening of the Chamber of the Holocaust near the memorial monument of the six million Jewish Nazi victims. Behind him was fluttering the banner of the Jewish Defense League carrying the slogan 'Never again.'

"Rabbi Kahane declared that the responsibility for the lives of the Jews in the USSR as well as the responsibility for the lives of Soviet diplomats throughout the world rests on the Soviet Government, and it has to take the consequences of its acts into account. About the situation of Sylvia Zalmanson, Rabbi Kahane said her health is bad, her life is in danger under the conditions of the Soviet prison.

"We are hereby appealing to the Soviet Government with the request to release Sylvia Zalmanson so as to avoid a tragedy; otherwise Jewish militancy wherever it may be will act," Rabbi Kahane said.

"In reply to a question, he explained that it is not the Jewish Defense League, whose head he is, would take the action against the Soviets, because he himself is under a sentence 'under probation' of five years, as well as under an obligation towards the U. S. authorities not to get involved in acts of violence. 'Not I, but Jewish militancy, will act,' he said.

"Mr. Abraham Zalmanson, the uncle of the prisoner Sylvia, declared to press correspondents, that all efforts which have been made during the last few months to obtain Sylvia's release have been of no avail. 'I know that Rabbi Kahane's way is the right way,' Mr. Zalmanson said. He recalled that Sylvia had been sentenced to ten years imprisonment under the charge of attempting to hijack a plane in Leningrad. According to information in his possession she contracted tuberculosis and other diseases, and she is in a very bad state of health.

"Rabbi Kahane said that in Israel there are today about 75 members of the League, but they do not intend to act against

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Soviets in this country or against hostile Soviet elements in other countries. 'Our activities abroad derive from our love for Israel,' he explained.

"In Israel, he declared, the League will concentrate on 'creating a national Jewish youth, and in persuading Israeli youth that they are first of all Jewish and afterwards Israeli.'

"The Jew in the Argentine, in Iraq and in Israel is the same Jew; their fate is linked to one another; in Israel one Jew is a guarantee for the other,' he said. The League will act in an attempt to construct a bridge between the various parts of the nation as a non-party organization.

"He then reported that the first demonstration on behalf of the Jewish Defense League in Israel will take place on October 13, near the American Embassy in Tel Aviv. It will not be a demonstration against America, but it will call for encouragement by the U. S. Government, to pursue a factual policy, for the purpose of restraining Soviet forces. Rabbi Kahane stressed that he would not carry out any acts of violence that are liable to involve or embarrass the Government of Israel in her relations with other countries.

"The Jewish Defense League will also start a movement for immigration from the U. S. to Israel, and intends to bring over 600 of its young members to Israel in the coming year. Rabbi Kahane expressed his opinion that 'there is no future for the Jews in America. America has been good to the Jews and I hope she will continue to be good, but in the social sphere violence and extremism are rising, and the first victim is the Jew.'

"Rabbi Kahane also said that he had already got into contact with the authorities for immigrant absorption and settlement concerning establishing a township of the Jewish Defense League as a place of settlement for the members of the league 'and for everyone who wants to join us.'

"The League is requesting land for settlement in the Golan Heights."

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The February 26, 1971, issue of "The Jerusalem Post" contained the following article:

"Stormy session in Brussels ends with plea for aid to Soviet Jews

"The World Conference of Jewish Communities on Soviet Jewry ended its turbulent three-day meeting here last night with an appeal for world-wide support for efforts to end discrimination against the 3,500,000 Jews in the Soviet Union and to recognize their right to emigrate to Israel.

"The appeal was issued after a stormy final session during which the principal issue was the expulsion from the conference Wednesday of Rabbi Meir Kahane, the militant leader of the American activist Jewish Defense League. Rabbi Kahane was held at Brussels police headquarters for questioning and was later deported on a London-bound plane.

"Highlight of the conference's closing hours was a violent speech by Gahal leader Menahem Begin denouncing the conference organizers as accomplices in Rabbi Kahane's arrest. Amid cheers from his supporters in the hall of Brussels' Congress Palace and jeers and groans from his opponents, Mr. Begin declared bitterly: 'I believed the era in which Jews denounced Jews to the police had passed forever.'

"Mr. Begin shouted, 'Leave me alone' as delegates rushed up to the speaker's rostrum urging him to stop criticizing the conference organizers. He turned angrily on Rabbi Herschel Schacter, Jewish Agency Chairman Arye Pincus and singer Nehama Lifschitz as they vainly begged him to step down.

"Mr. Begin said he dissociated himself and fellow delegates from a statement issued by the conference presidium after Rabbi Kahane's arrest in which the organizers denounced the Jewish Defense League as apostles of violence.

"RECALLS THREAT

"Mr. Begin claimed that the Soviet Ambassador to the U. S., Anatoly Dobrynin, had told Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, recently that the Brussels conference on Soviet Jewry could have very harmful results for Jews in the Soviet Union.

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'Mr. Begin commented: 'This is Nazi language. It means that 3,500,000 people are being held as hostages.' He said Dr. Goldmann had replied by asking the Soviet envoy to persuade his Government to promise that a considerable number of Jews would be allowed to leave for Israel if a Mid-East settlement was obtained.

'Mr. Begin's bitter attack on the conference organizers followed a wave of criticism from other delegates on the handling of Rabbi Kahane's request for admission to the conference.

'Hollywood film producer Otto Preminger said at a night session of the conference: 'This is more despicable than the Nazis or the Soviet Communists.' He asked the organizers to apologize to Rabbi Kahane.

'American writer Paddy Chayefsky commented: 'This conference is like a Hadassah ladies meeting. I thought I was coming to something more serious. This is a hopelessly inefficient organization.'

"KAHANE'S ALLY

'In an apparent attempt to heal some of the scars left by the verbal battles which followed Rabbi Kahane's expulsion, Bernard Deutsch, leader of the United Revisionists of America and a close ally of Rabbi Kahane, told the conference: 'We must put party politics and squabbles aside. The issue is Soviet Jewry. We dare not ask the Russians to do less for Jews in the Soviet Union than the Jews are asking for themselves.'

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 105-207795)

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-5767)

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SUBJECT: **MEIR D. KAHANE, aka**  
**Michael King, Martin Kahane**  
**IS-NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL)**

Re:

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MEIR D. KAHANE, also known as  
Michael King, Martin Kahane

MEIR D. KAHANE, born August 1, 1932, is the self-proclaimed founder and national chairman of the Jewish Defense League (JDL). The JDL is self-described as a militant activist group dedicated to the struggle for democracy, freedom and Jewish rights. An informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that KAHANE was quoted in June, 1970, as stating that one of the aims of the JDL was to create publicity as to the plight of Jewish people in the Soviet Union and to cause trouble between the governments of the Soviet Union and the United States. This informant further advised that the JDL operates "Camp Jedel" in upper New York State where KAHANE's volunteers train in the use of small arms, karate and the study of Jewish affairs. KAHANE has numerous arrests for his actions in connection with JDL demonstrations at Soviet establishments in New York, Glen Cove, Long Island, New York, and Washington, D. C. On July 9, 1971, KAHANE pled guilty to violation of the National Firearms Act. He is presently on five years probation on this charge.

## Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/16/72

In attached, New York Office reported the return of Rabbi Meir D. Kahane to New York City from Israel on 2/14/72. Kahane is the National Director of the Jewish Defense League (JDL) and had been in Israel since 1/18/72. He is on 5 years Federal probation since July, 1971, for violation of the Gun Control Act of 1968. Kahane announced he will hold a press conference on 2/16/72 at 10:00 a.m. at JDL headquarters and among topics he will cover will be harassment of JDL members by local and Federal authorities.

We have been interviewing selected JDL members in connection with our intensive investigation of the two fire bombings which occurred on 1/26/72 at the offices of Sol Hurok Concerts and Columbia Artists, Inc., both New York City,

Details contained in attached are being disseminated to the Secretary of State, Central Intelligence Agency and Secret Service by teletype. A copy of the same is being furnished to Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division.

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NYC, EVENING OF FEBRUARY ONE FIVE, SEVEN TWO, CONCERNING A  
COLLEGE QUOTA SYSTEM AS IT RELATES TO JEWS IN NYC.

HE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT TEN AM, FEBRUARY ONE  
SIX, SEVEN TWO AT HEADQUARTERS OF JDL, COVERING FOLLOWING  
TOPICS.. ONE-NEED FOR US JEWS TO IMMIGRATE TO ISRAEL.  
TWO-SYRIAN AND SOVIET JEWISH PROBLEMS. THREE-HARRASSMENT OF  
JDL MEMBERS BY BOTH LOCAL AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES.

KAHANE EXPECTS TO REMAIN IN THE US FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE  
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SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE  
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ReLegat Bonn airtel to Bu captioned "JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE; IS-NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES-JDL," dated 2/8/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Also enclosed for Legat, Bonn is two (2) photographs of the subject.

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Meir D. Kahane

Meir D. Kahane is the founder and National Director of the Jewish Defense League (JDL).

The JDL, founded in 1968, is composed primarily of Jewish militants who consider themselves as defenders of "Jewish rights."

Demonstrations attempting to dramatize the Jewish problem in Russia and similar demonstrations against Arab establishments have often resulted in violence. Rabbi Kahane, founder and National Director, has stated publicly on many occasions that violence is some times necessary to accomplish the aims of the JDL.

Kahane has been arrested on numerous occasions on misdemeanor charges stemming from his activities both violent and non-violent during JDL demonstrations against Soviet and Arab establishments in the United States.

On July 9, 1971 Kahane entered a plea of guilty to a violation of the National Firearms Act relating to the illegal possession and use of firearms and explosives. He was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined \$5,000.00. The execution of his sentence was suspended and he was placed on five years probation.

Since September 1971 Kahane has alternated his residence between Israel and the United States on a month-to-month basis. While in Israel he resides with his wife and children who live in Israel on a permanent basis.

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ENCLOSURE



Meir D. Kahane

Kahane is presently in the United States and is expected to remain here until mid March 1972 when he is expected to return to Israel.

Kahane is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	August 1, 1932
Place of Birth	New York, New York
Height	Five feet eight inches
Weight	Approximately 140 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair

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Date: 2/16/72

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For the information of Philadelphia, on 2/16/72, [redacted] advised that captioned subject, who recently returned from Israel, has a speaking engagement at the Har Zion Synagogue 54th St. and Winfield Boulevard, Philadelphia, on Sunday, 2/20/72. Source was unable to ascertain the topic of KAHANE's presentation.

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TO DIRECTOR 105-207795

ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

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FROM NEW YORK 157-5767 2P

MEIR D. KAHANE; IS-NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL

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INDICATES THAT

THE FOLLOWING IS A PARTIAL INTINERARY AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES  
OF CAPTIONED SUBJECT DURING HIS PRESENT STAY IN THE UNITED  
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FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE, SEVENTYTWO, SPEECH AT WOLLMAN  
AUDITORIUM, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK CITY.

FEBRUARY TWENTYSEVEN DASH TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTY TWO,  
VIGIL OF SUBJECT AND JDL IN THE VICINITY OF THE SOVIET MISSI  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK CITY.

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IN ANTI LINDSAY CAMPAIGN IN MIAMI AND OTHER CITIES THROUGHOUT  
FLORIDA.

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ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBJECT, THE BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES  
WILL BE PROMPTLY ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR (105-207795) ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

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FROM PHILADELPHIA (105-18527)

MEIR D. KAHANE; IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL.

RE PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, FEBRUARY

EIGHTEEN, LAST, CAPTIONED "JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE," INDICATING

KAHANE PLANNED TO ATTEND ALIYAH CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY

PHILADELPHIA ZIONIST ORGANIZATION ON FEBRUARY TWENTY LAST.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT KAHANE  
DID NOT APPEAR AT THIS FUNCTION. [REDACTED] KAHANE SCHEDULED

TO COME TO PHILADELPHIA MARCH SECOND, NEXT, TO SPEAK AT UNIVERSITY  
OF PENNSYLVANIA (U OF P). HILLEL ORGANIZATION OF

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY DESIRED KAHANE AT THAT TIME BUT WERE UNABLE  
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BECAUSE KAHANE'S ALLEGED RAIDS ON JDL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND FOR  
HIS OWN REGULAR JDL USES. [REDACTED]

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ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT KAHANE HAS POCKETED ALL FUNDS FROM HIS  
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RESERVED FOR SPEECH FOR RABBU KAHANE ON THURSDAY EVENING,  
MARCH SECOND, NEXT, AT SEVEN THIRTY P.M. THIS DATE IN CONFLICT  
WITH INFORMATION FURNISHED IN NEW YORK TELETYPE TO  
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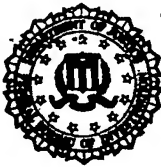
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

February 24, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Meir D. Kahane  
Internal Security - Nationalistic Tendencies  
Jewish Defense League

The February 23, 1972, edition of the "New York Daily News" published an account of Meir D. Kahane's appearance and speech at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, on February 22, 1972, during which he denounced the actions of Nazi student David Kerr. *NY*

David Kerr is a self-admitted Nazi and has displayed a swastika from his dormitory window and has also placed pro-Nazi advertisements in the school newspaper.

Kahane had been invited by the Hofstra Hillel Foundation, arrangements having been made prior to the Kerr affair.

Kahane stated that the controversy regarding the actions of Kerr had been "handled abominably." He further stated, "There is only one way to handle this type of affair. It is short, it is simple, it is easy, and that's the only way it should have been handled." Kahane added, "Those who would say that to beat David Kerr is immoral, inhuman; I say that, if we had beaten the David Kerrs of the 1920's in Germany, we would not have had the deaths of Jews that occurred."

Kahane also stated that he disagreed with those who said that Kerr's right of free speech should be protected.

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On January 17, 1972, while visiting in Israel, Rabbi Meir D. Kahane, National Director of the Jewish Defense League, was interviewed in English for broadcast on Kol Israel, the Israeli national radio station. A tape recording of the interview, which runs for approximately fourteen minutes, was obtained from Kol Israel through representatives of U.S.I.S. A verbatim transcription of the recorded interview is set forth below.

Interviewer: Rabbi Kahane, you were born in Brooklyn in 1932. You came from a long line of rabbis. Your grandfather, I believe, was a rabbi in Galicia. Your father, Charles Kahane, arrived in America in the early 1920's. He also was a rabbi and a noted Talmudic scholar and a fervent Zionist, as well. Will you tell us a little about those early days.

Kahane: Well, I was actually born in a very, very nice family in a very nice neighborhood. As far as I can recall, there were no traumas. I was never beaten up at the age of nine by some non-Jew which led me to hate non-Jews. I was raised in a really very, very comfortable family in a very nice area with almost no problem, such as anti-Semitism, of any kind. I went to day schools in Chivot from the age of five right through 'till I was ordained.

Probably the most important thing that happened to me which affects my present-day actions and doings was the fact that at the age of 14 I joined Betar.

Interviewer: In fact, your younger brother Nahman, who came to live in Israel in 1962, recalled in a recent interview that your first public demonstration began when you were a member of Betar and you were arrested by the police for throwing eggs at Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Minister, who was visiting New York at the time.

Kahane: Well, that wasn't really the first demonstration; that was the first time that I was caught. The first one was at the time of the famous Royal Navy Ball. At that time the British sailors from the warships that had intercepted the "Exodus" came to the USA for a reception and there was an incredible riot. There was, it was, these people really barely escaped with their lives. I was, that was my very first one, I was a boy of 15 at the time. I took part in several others. I was arrested twice when I was in Betar.

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Interviewer: After being ordained a rabbi you spent two years as rabbi with a conservative congregation, then you left them, I believe, after unsuccessful attempts to introduce a little more of Orthodox Judaism amongst them.

Kahane: When I arrived, I said I would take this pulpit only on the condition that it would begin to practice Orthodox practices. They said, "yes." What prompted them to let me go was not the fact that I insisted on separatism for men and women or a kosher kitchen, but rather the fact I was doing too well with their children. After that I began writing for the Jewish press. And that lasted for a number of years; and then I began to make use of my law degree and I went to Washington and we opened up, I and a second fellow, we opened up our own firm, international law firm, and we did work in research for various government agencies and probably most interesting part of it was the work that we did for the law enforcement wings of the government which involved at the time joining and infiltrating, particularly radical right groups, in particular the best job that we did was with the Birchers. I spent almost two years with them trying to find out sources of income, which I did. Unfortunately, the Vietnam War dried up the budgets and a group such as mine and centers, research centers, simply folded up. There was no money for research. In 1967, it folded and I became a rabbi again, a practicing rabbi.

Interviewer: I'd like to take you back first of all to 1963 when you emigrated to Israel. You served as a rabbi on a kibbutz and you spent about three months in the country.

Kahane: Yes.

Interviewer: You've always advocated "Aliyah." Why did you wait until 1963 to emigrate? And why did you leave again after such a short time?

Kahane: When your're married, you're not always your own boss. To put it simply, at that time my wife was not quite ready yet to go on "Aliyah." Now she is and now she has been and now she is of course here. I love my wife and, therefore, I spent several years back in the states waiting for the moment when she was ready and now she is.

Interviewer: What made you decide to organize the JDL in 1968 and what did you see as its aims then?

Kahane: First of all, I think that one has to separate very, very clearly particular actions that are done from reasons for their being done. It's quite true that our first actions involved helping Jews in crime-ridden neighborhoods, but that does not mean that this is why JDL, why the League came into being. The fact of the matter is that the JDL came into being because of a philosophy--a general philosophy--that the plight of every Jew, or that the plight of any Jew is a plight of every Jew, and the time had come for a Jewish group to go out and feel that pain and do things, whatever had to be done. Of course we started with neighborhoods because we couldn't take on Russians with a hundred people. We had to wait until we had 200 people, whatever it is. Even when we began our Soviet-Jewish struggle, no way did we stop this other activity. It's just that it hasn't received the same kind of headlines because it doesn't have quite the same glamour.

Interviewer: When a militant Negro leader threatened to harass Jewish synagogue meetings, you let a group of fellows armed with clubs and chains to stand guard at the synagogue entrance. A picture of the group was later printed by the Jewish Defense League under the caption, "Is this a way for nice Jewish boys to behave?" Mr. Kahane, is this a way for nice Jewish boys to behave?

Kahane: Well, you know I've tried to get it very, very clear everywhere that I speak that violence is not a good thing, violence is a bad thing. Violence is always bad; but sometimes it is necessary. What we did on that day was to make it quite clear in the most dramatic fashion possible that there was a different Jew here, a very different kind of Jew, and he was a Jew with hadar, with Jewish pride. We made it quite clear that we want to live on a base of man to man. If it would not be man to man, it would be pig to pig.

Interviewer: You said that you're in general opposed to violence, but you feel there are times when violence is called for. Let's take two violent cases: The beating up of Soviet diplomats in America; and the bombing attacks on a Soviet airline office. How do you justify such valid activity?

Kahane: Well, I think that you can justify that by going any day to Lod airport and seeing the planeloads of Russians coming.

Interviewer: You feel, then, that only violence, bombings and beatings up can bring this about?

Kahane: The question in my mind that with what violence did was (1) Put the Soviet-Jewish question on page one. (2) Let the Soviet Jews who were in their prison and wondering if anybody really cared, they suddenly heard about it and it gave them a tremendous boost in spirits and, (3) Every militant group serves as a gadfly to moderates. We pushed by our violence moderate groups into doing things in nonviolent ways that they would have never done.

Interviewer: Having pushed these moderate groups into doing things, don't you feel it's time to drop violence and find other ways of keeping the question before the public in getting results?

Kahane: Violence, if not necessary, should not be used.

Interviewer: The American-Italian league, with which you formed a pact, is said to be controlled by the Mafia. You, yourself have been quoted to saying that you'll enlist any help you can get in struggle. Would you use the help of criminals in your activities?

Kahane: No question. Of course. If we thought that it could help Jews, why not? Golda Meir drank a toast when she was Ambassador to the USSR in 1948 with Stalin.

Interviewer: You came, in fact, to Israel a few months ago to settle here as an emigrant. A branch of the Jewish Defense League has been started recently in Israel. Who is it defending, and against what?

Kahane: There are several reasons why we formed it here. One was that it is imperative that the center of JDL be in Israel so that it can serve as a graphic symbol for "Aliyah" which is the most important thing that we believe in. Secondly, there are things to be done here. When we speak of Jewish defense, we speak of far, far more than physical defense. In fact, most of the work that we do in America, though it doesn't get headlines because it doesn't have the same kind of drama as that of our fight for Soviet Jewry, most of our work is done with Jewish youth, in trying to win them back to being Jewish, to feeling Jewish, to having Jewish pride, to having an identify with the Jewish people.

We have done tremendous work. I don't think people realize the amount of Jewish pride that we've instilled in tens of thousands of young Jews. In Israel, I think there is an imperative need to get through to the Israeli youngster, the constant fact before he is an Israeli, he's a Jew. It's imperative to give them Jewish values.

Interviewer: Brother Kahane, is violence a Jewish value?

Kahane: I think that sometimes yes. I don't believe and I don't think anyone should believe that we use violence for its own sake. I don't think anyone should believe that the actions that we do are not weighed very, very carefully.

Interviewer: In addition to the Jews of Russia, there are Jews in other countries who are also facing persecution. I am referring specifically to the Jews of Syria and other Arab countries. The League has done a great deal to publicize the cause of Soviet Jewry, but it has done very little to publicize the plight of Jews in other countries. Why not?

Kahane: We didn't begin our actions for Soviet Jewry until two years ago. So in effect, what we began for Soviet Jews two years ago, we have not done for the Jews of the Arab countries, which means we have waited two years. We waited two years on the advice, and indeed on the pleading, of various Jews whom we know and respect, who had asked us not to.

Interviewer: You mentioned that your public appearance . . .  
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Kahane: That wasn't a public appearance, that was rather, as we say, a hamish audience.

Interviewer: Nevertheless, you mentioned you made reference to contacts with representatives of the Israeli Government.

Kahane: Well, I said I'm, I was very, very careful, I think, to state, or at least I hope I was careful to state, that we had contacts with representatives from Israel, and I didn't use the word government, and if I did, then that was a mistake. I believe that their advice is improper. I believe that now. Within the next few weeks, we will begin the same kind of campaign against the Syrians and Iraqis as we began with the Soviets.

Interviewer: What other problems do you see concerning the JDL in the future?

Kahane: Probably the most important thing and the most critical Jewish problem in the years to come will be that of the Jews of the USA, and we really do believe that the situation in the USA now is one that is so bad that it could conceivably, and indeed probably, will lead to a tragedy for US Jews. The social problems in America, the racial problems, political problems, and above all, economic problems, all have combined to make a country seething with rage and frustration and hatred. And it will not take much for that to explode. It's the Jew who will always be blamed for all the problems; he always is. My own belief is that the Jew has got to leave America now while there is still an opportunity, and that's why I hope when I come to the Zionist Congress, and I intend to go there, and I intend to speak there because when the question of the future of the Jews of USA is such a vital one, that it calls for an attempt on my part to get to speak. I intend to be there. If people think that this is not proper, I have never in my life worried much about what people think.

Interviewer: Thank you very much, Rabbi Meir D. Kahane.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/29/72

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-102100) (P)

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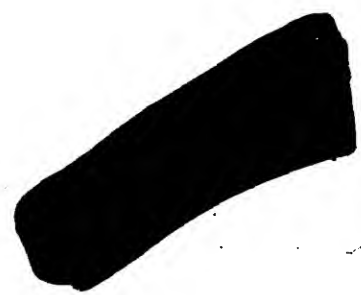
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MARCH FIVE, SEVENTYTWO, SPEECH AT TEMPLE B'NAI  
APRAHAN, BEVERLY, MASS.

MARCH TWELVE, SEVENTYTWO, SPEECH AT TEMPLE BETH EL,  
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MARCH THIRTEEN, SEVENTYTWO, SPEECH AT AN UNKNOWN  
LOCATION IN CHICAGO, ILL.

MARCH FOURTEEN, SEVENTYTWO, SPEECH TO UNITED ORT AT  
HOUSTON, TEXAS.

MARCH FIFTEEN, SEVENTYTWO, SPEECH AT THE UNIVERSITY  
OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, TEXAS. ALSO ON MARCH FIFTEEN, SUBJECT  
WILL DELIVER A SPEECH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA STATE,  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

MARCH SIXTEEN, SEVENTYTWO, SPEECH AT THE UNIVESITY  
OF ARIZONA, TUCSON, ARIZONA.

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MARCH NINETEEN, SEVENTYTWO, SPEECH AT TEMPLE SHAAREI  
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MARCH TWENTYTHREE, SEVENTYTWO, SUBJECT WILL TRAVEL  
TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, WHERE HE WILL ENGAGE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL  
PRIMARIES AGAINST THE CANDIDACY OF MAYOR LINDSAY, OF NEW YORK  
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FOR THE INFORMATION OF WFO AND BALTIMORE, SUBJECT WILL  
APPEAR AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ON MARCH SIX, SEVENTYTWO, AND  
THEN POSSIBLY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND ON MARCH SEVEN,  
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TO: SECRETARY OF STATE

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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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MEIR D. KAHANE - JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE.

b7c ON MARCH TWO, NINETEEN SEVENTY-TWO, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED  
RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED] OF THE GREATER WASHINGTON, DC. (WDC) AREA JEWISH  
DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL) CHAPTER, WAS IN CONTACT WITH THE GENERAL  
CONSUL'S OFFICE, WDC, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER  
THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE ESTABLISHED. KAHANE WISHES  
TO HAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN FRONT OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY, WDC,  
AT TEN AM. MARCH SIX, NINETEEN SEVENTY-TWO WITHOUT BEING SUBJECT  
TO ARREST FOR THIS ACTIVITY. NO ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE  
THIS REQUEST.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)  
 FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (105-NEW) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE, Aka.  
 IS - NT - JDL

ReNYtel to Bureau, 3/2/72, and Houston tel call  
 to San Antonio, 3/2/72.

Enclosed herewith for the San Antonio Division is  
 one copy of referenced New York teletype, inasmuch as the  
 University of Texas at Austin is covered by that division.

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Special Agent in Charge

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3-6-72

Attached states that Rabbi Meir Kahane of the Jewish Defense League (JDL) conducted a press conference on the street in the vicinity of the Soviet Embassy on 3-6-72. He attempted to enter the Embassy but was refused. He subsequently went to the State Department where he attempted to obtain interviews with various State Department officials but was again refused.

Information in attached was disseminated by teletype to State Department and Secret Service. Copy is being sent to Internal Security Division;

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FROM WASHINGTON FIELD (105-102186) THREE PAGES

Internal Security

MEIR KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL

Jewish Defense League

ON MARCH SIX INSTANT SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI OBSERVED  
THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITY BY SUBJECT. RABBI MEIR KAHANE, DURING  
MID-MORNING, AND IN PRESENCE OF NEWS MEDIA, APPEARED IN THE  
VICINITY OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST  
REPUBLICS AND CONDUCTED AN ON THE STREET PRESS CONFERENCE.  
THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS CALLED BY KAHANE TO EXPLAIN EFFORTS  
TO OBTAIN A SOVIET ENTRY VISA FOR HIM AND SEVEN OTHERS  
INCLUDING [REDACTED] TO CONDUCT A FACT FINDING MISSION ON THE  
CONDITION OF SOVIET JEWS AND THEREAFTER REPORT THE RESULTS  
OF THIS MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. KAHANE  
ATTEMPTED TO ENTER THE EMBASSY AND WAS REFUSED ADMITTANCE.  
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OTHER INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED AS PRESENT WITH KAHANE WERE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WJDL COORDINATOR, GREATER WASHINGTON, DC

CHAPTER ) [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

AT THE END OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE, KAHANE ANNOUNCED HE WAS EN ROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (USDS). KAHANE AND PARTY WERE OBSERVED TO PARK IN THE DIPLOMATIC ENTRANCE OF THE USDS, ENTER THE FIRST FLOOR LOUNGE AND THEREAFTER MAKE INQUIRY OF THE RECEPTIONIST ON DUTY.

*Del per State Dept.* A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE USDS OFFICE OF SECURITY ADVISED THAT KAHANE AND PARTY DESIRED TO SPEAK WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THIS REQUEST WAS REFUSED. THEREAFTER THEY REQUESTED TO SPEAK WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE USDS SOVIET DESK. ON LEARNING ALL USDS SOVIET DESK PERSONNEL WERE PREVIOUSLY ENGAGED AND THEREFORE UNAVAILABLE, THE PARTY DEPARTED THE USDS.

KAHANE AND PARTY OBSERVED TO DRIVE TO NATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL, WDC. KAHANE OBSERVED TO BOARD

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SHUTTLE DEPARTING NOON EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK, NEW YORK,  
LA GUARDIA AIRPORT VIA EASTERN AIRLINES.

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b7D [REDACTED] WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN  
THE PAST REPORTED THAT KAHANE PLANS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON,  
DC VIA THE SIX PM EASTERN SHUTTLE FROM NEW YORK. THIS DATE.

ADMINISTRATIVE - AUTOMOBILES USED TO TRANSPORT CAPTIONED  
SUBJECT WERE YELLOW FOUR DOOR FALCON, GE FOUR SIX EIGHT ZERO  
(MARYLAND TAG) AND GREEN FOUR DOOR FALCON, GE FOUR EIGHT  
FIVE NINE (MARYLAND TAG).

whose identity is  
maintained in WFO files. USDS SPOKESMAN IS MIKE TRETOLA,  
SECURITY OFFICE.

b7C SPECIAL AGENTS OBSERVING WERE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

NO LHM FOLLOWS.  
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BALTIMORE AT GLEN BERNIE MD: DETERMINE REGISTRANTS  
OF MARYLAND TAGS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

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6:25 PM NITEL 3-1-72 ASW

TO DIRECTOR

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE

BALTIMORE

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FROM WASHINGTON FIELD (105-102100) (2P)

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES, JEWISH  
DEFENSE LEAGUE, OFFICE OF ORIGIN: NEW YORK

ON FEBRUARY TWENTYNINE LAST IT WAS DETERMINED THAT AN  
ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY NEWSPAPER "THE  
EAGLE", OF FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE LAST INDICATING THAT CAPTIONED  
SUBJECT WOULD APPEAR ON THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON,  
DC CAMPUS ON MARCH SEVEN NEXT AT SEVEN THIRTY PM IN THE  
NEW LECTURE HALL. THE ARTICLE FURTHER INDICATED THAT CAPTIONED  
SUBJECT'S APPEARANCE WAS SPONSORED BY THE KENNEDY POLITICAL  
UNION, THE FACULTY-STUDENT ORGANIZATION AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY  
CHARGED WITH HANDLING INVITATIONS TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITY BY  
WELL KNOWN INDIVIDUALS. THE JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE EDL WAS  
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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, DC: WILL CONTACT AMERICAN  
UNIVERSITY VIA ESTABLISHED SOURCES AND REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION DEVELOPED ON THIS MATTER.

BALTIMORE

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND: WILL CONTACT JDL SOURCE  
FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS ACTIVITY AND DETERMINE  
IF SOURCE IS AVAILABLE TO ATTEND. b7D

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK: ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE  
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF CAPTIONED SUBJECT AND SUBSTANTIATE  
HIS REPORTED APPEARANCE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, DC.  
ON MARCH SEVEN NEXT. P

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Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/3/72

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Attached states that [REDACTED] of the Greater Washington, D.C., Area Jewish Defense League (JDL), contacted the General Consul's Office in an attempt to make arrangements to have a press conference conducted in front of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., at 10 am on 3/6/72. No arrangements were made to accommodate his request. Local police authorities in Washington, D.C., have been advised.

Information in attached was disseminated by teletype to the State Department and Secret Service.

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5:25 PM URGENT 3-2-72 ASW

TO DIRECTOR

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE

BALTIMORE

NEW YORK

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FROM WASHINGTON FIELD (105-102100) TWO PAGES

Internal Security

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES, JEWISH  
DEFENSE LEAGUE

12/21/92 9803 R00/BW

ON MARCH TWO INSTANT [REDACTED] WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE  
INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF THE GREATER WASHINGTON, DC. (WDC) AREA JEWISH  
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ADMINISTRATIVE - REFERENCE WFO NITEL MARCH ONE LAST.  
SOURCE IS [REDACTED] WHOSE IDENTITY IS  
MAINTAINED IN WFO FILES.

BALTIMORE AND NEW YORK CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AS SET OUT  
IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION.

WFO WILL REPORT ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

MPD INTELLIGENCE, US DEPARTMENT OF STATE SECURITY,  
SECRET SERVICE AND EXECUTIVE PROTECTIVE SERVICE ADVISED.

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ATTENTION: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
NEW YORK

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FROM BALTIMORE (105-16267) 4P

3-13-72  
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RABBI MEIR KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES, JEWISH  
DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL).

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ON MARCH EIGHT, INSTANT, CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF THE FBI,  
WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT  
RABBI MEIR KAHANE, LEADER OF JDL, SPOKE FROM APPROXIMATELY  
NINE THIRTY P. M. TO TEN TWENTY FIVE P. M. ON MARCH SEVEN,  
LAST AT THE NEW LECTURE HALL, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (AU),  
WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC).

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Mr. Tolson, AG, Secret Service,  
CIA, State, ACSI, OSI, DIA, Vice  
President by tel. CC's private  
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THE PROGRAM, WHICH WAS PRIMARILY A RECRUITING SESSION, WAS CO-SPONSORED BY THE GREATER WASHINGTON AREA JDL, THE AU KENNEDY POLITICAL UNION, AND THE AU ASSOCIATED MOVEMENT FOR ISRAEL. A LEAFLET PASSED OUT AT THE PROGRAM STATED, "JOIN YOUR PEOPLE, JOIN THE JDL," AND WAS CO-SIGNED BY THE JDL OF GREATER WASHINGTON, P.O. BOX TWO THREE TWO SIX, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, AND THE JDL YOUTH OF GREATER WASHINGTON, P.O. BOX ONE ZERO TWO, AU, WDC.

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THERE WERE ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED PERSS PRESENT, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM WERE COLLEGE AGED. ALTHOUGH NO EFFORTS MADE TO SIGN UP MEMBERS AT THE TIME, THERE APPEARED TO BE MUCH ENTHUSIASM AMONGST THE AUDIENCE.

KAHANE SPOKE OF THE HISTORY OF PERSECUTION OF THE JEWS, OF HOW THE JDL EMINATED, OF JEWISH DEFENSE TO JEWISH PROBLEMS, AND HOW ONLY THE JEWS WILL RESOLVE JEWISH PROBLEMS. HE RELATED THAT JEWS SUPPORT MOVEMENTS FOR THE RIGHTS OF BLACKS, POOR AND IRISH, ETC. WHICH INVOLVED VIOLENCE, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO VIOLENCE FOR JEWISH RIGHTS THEY SAY VIOLENCE IS NOT JEWISH. HE MENTIONED THAT THE JDL HAS A CAMPAIGN CALLED, "EVERY JEW A TWENTY-TWO." HE STATED THAT JEWS HAVE AN  
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INHERENT RIGHT TO COMMIT VIOLENCE AND THE JEWS HAVE AN IMAGE OF PASSIVENESS AND HAVE BEEN PERSECUTED FOR THAT REASON. THE PRESUMPTION THAT IT IS DIFFERENT IN THE UNITED STATES MOST <sup>3E</sup> REBUTTED. KAHANE ALSO RELATED THAT A JDL KIBBUTZ WILL BE OPENED ON THE WEST BANK OF ISRAEL IN THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN <sup>||</sup> SEVENTY-TWO WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF ISRAELI GOVERNMENT.

THE SOURCE ADVISED THAT KAHANE RECEIVED A STIPEND OF SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR THE APPEARANCE FROM THE AU STUDENT UNION.

b7D ~~A MEMBER OF THE STUDENT UNION~~ TOLD SOURCE THIS IS A MEDIUM SIZED FEE FOR GUEST SPEAKERS AT AU.

CHARACTERIZATION FOR THE JDL IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL), FOUNDED IN NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, IS COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF YOUNG JEWISH MILITANTS WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES AS DEFENDERS OF "JEWISH RIGHTS." DEMONSTRATIONS ATTEMPTING TO DRAMATIZE THE JEWISH PROBLEM IN RUSSIA AND SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST ARAB ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE OFTEN RESULTED IN VIOLENCE. RABBI MEIR KAHANE, FOUNDER AND NATIONAL DIRECTOR, HAS STATED PUBLICLY ON MANY OCCASIONS THAT VIOLENCE IS SOMETIMES NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE AIMS OF THE JDL.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
(NO LHM FOLLOWS.) IT IS NOTED THAT SOURCE PROVIDED BALTIMORE  
WITH TAPE RECORDINGS OF SUBJECT'S SPEECH, WHICH IS OF FAIR  
QUALITY. THIS TAPE BEING MAINTAINED IN SUBSTANTIATIVE  
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(Field Guidance)

1 - [REDACTED]

3/13/72

To: SAC, Baltimore (105-16267)

From: Director, FBI (105-207795) -183

MEIR D. KAHANE REC-59  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL

Reurnitel March 8, 1972. *act*

By return mail submit disseminable communication containing a summary of the speech made by subject on March 7, 1972, at American University, Washington, D. C.

Furnish appropriate copies of same communication to New York and Washington Field Offices.

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NOTE:

Subject is the National Director of the Jewish Defense League (JDL), an aggressive and militant organization. He has been on five years Federal probation since July, 1971, for violation of the Gun Control Act of 1968 which was investigated by the Treasury Department. We have been closely following subject's activities and travels. Because of interest in him expressed by high level members of the Executive Branch of the Government. Baltimore Office advised it was not submitting an LHM relating to subject's speech on 3/7/72 at American University, Washington, D. C., which was attended by approximately 500 individuals and at which subject reportedly stated Jews have an inherent right to commit violence and JDL will open a kibbutz in Israel in the Summer of 1972 with the assistance of the Israeli government. The program at which subject spoke was primarily a recruiting session. Since subject's speech concerned JDL policy statements and future plans for JDL activities, Baltimore should submit a disseminable communication concerning subject matter of Kahane's speech.

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-Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date: 3/6/72

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)  
 FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (105-18527) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE, aka;  
 IS - NATIONALISTIC  
 TENDENCIES - JDL

(OO: NEW YORK)  
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Re Philadelphia teletype to the Bureau dated  
 2/18/72, captioned, "JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE", and New York  
 teletype to the Bureau dated 3/2/72, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies  
 of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Three copies are  
 being furnished to New York for appropriate files.

Attached LHM is classified, "Confidential" inas-  
 much as it contains information from [REDACTED] a source of  
 continuing value whose disclosure could adversely affect  
 the internal security of the United States.

The symbol number informants in attached LHM

**ENCLOSURE**

- ② - Bureau (105-207795) (Encls. 8) (RM)  
 3 - New York (2 - 157-5767 -KAHANE) (Encls. 3) (RM)  
 (1 - 157-3463 - JDL)  
 3 - Philadelphia  
 1 - 105-18527  
 1 - 105-18173 (JDL)  
 1 - [REDACTED]

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Approved: *J. D. Green*

Special Agent in Charge

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PHILADELPHIA:  
AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will continue to maintain liaison with sources concerning KAHANE's activities.

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Temple University to SA  
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\* C O N F I D E N T I A L \*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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On February 18, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that LARRY FINE, a Jewish Defense League (JDL) official, stated on February 16, 1972, that Rabbi MEIR D. KAHANE planned to quit soon as head of the JDL in the United States, but would maintain his title as head of the JDL International. FINE advised [REDACTED] that KAHANE planned to return to Israel where he would run for Knesset (Israeli Parliament) under the Herut Party, headed by MENACHEM BEGIN.

The JDL is self-described as a militant activist group dedicated to the struggle for democracy, freedom and Jewish rights.

[REDACTED] advised that Rabbi KAHANE planned to attend an Aliyah Conference sponsored by the Philadelphia Zionist Organization at Har Zion Temple, 54th and Wynnefield Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., on Monday, February 20, 1972, at 1:30 p.m. [REDACTED] stated that KAHANE instructed [REDACTED] of the Philadelphia JDL to advise the conference he would speak, although he was not on the invited guest list.

"The Jewish Exponent", a weekly newspaper published in Philadelphia, in its edition of February 25, 1972, contains an article on page one indicating that Rabbi KAHANE of the JDL was unable to attend the Aliyah Conference because of bad weather. The article indicated that about ten JDL members attended the conference and distributed leaflets written by Rabbi KAHANE entitled, "Jew - It Is Time To Go On".

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MEIR D. KAHANE:

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On February 23, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that Rabbi KAHANE was scheduled to come to Philadelphia on March 2, 1972, to speak at the University of Pennsylvania. [REDACTED] advised that the Hillel Organization of Temple University desired KAHANE at that time but were unable to meet his request [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED] KAHANE [REDACTED] but it was not accepted. [REDACTED] advised that KAHANE and members of the National Board of the JDL were bickering because of KAHANE's alleged raids on the JDL Legal Defense Fund for his own regular JDL uses. According to [REDACTED] JDL officials in New York indicated that KAHANE has [REDACTED] all funds from his speaking engagements instead of turning them over to the JDL.

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Parale Comm.  
On March 2, 1972, IRVING GOLD, U.S. Probation Officer, Southern District of New York, advised that Rabbi MEIR KAHANE had scheduled a speech for March 2, 1972, at the University of Pennsylvania and for March 3, 1972, at Temple University, both in Philadelphia.

b2/b7D  
On March 3, 1972, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised that Rabbi MEIR KAHANE of the JDL addressed an audience of approximately 200 at Irvine Auditorium on the prior evening. The sources indicated that KAHANE declared that the problems of the Jews could be solved by the formation of an all Jewish state where all Jews would be welcome. [REDACTED] indicated that KAHANE in his speech outlined the development of the Nazi party and deplored the anti-Semitism which is rampant throughout the United States. [REDACTED] stated that KAHANE arrived by automobile with a few friends and held a press conference after his lecture, and reportedly stayed in Philadelphia for the evening.

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MEIR D. KAHANE:

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On March 3, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that Rabbi MEIR KAHANE was not scheduled to speak at Temple University that day and that no reservation had been made for him to appear on any program at Temple University.

"The Daily Pennsylvanian", a daily newspaper published by the University of Pennsylvania, in its edition of March 3, 1972, contains an article on page one captioned, "Defense League Leader Calls For Greater Jewish Awareness". A copy of this article is attached hereto:

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# Defense League Leader Calls For Greater Jewish Awareness

By BEN GINSBERG

Rabbi Meir Kahane, the leader of the militant Jewish Defense League (JDL) told an Irvine Auditorium audience Thursday night that "the ultimate solution to the Jewish problem" was the formation of an "all-Jewish state" to serve as a home for all Jews.

In a *Connaissance*-sponsored speech before 500 persons, Kahane explained that the JDL had been formed not to solve the problems of Jewish people, but rather to raise the level of awareness and stimulate pride in the Jewish culture and religion.

"For Jews, Jewish problems must come first," Kahane told the audience. "No one has ever come to march for us when we needed them. If we don't put our efforts first, no one else will."

Kahane sharply criticized the "established Jewish leaders" for traditionally saying they were attending to the problems of the Jews in the United States "quietly behind the scenes" when in fact "they weren't doing anything."

"The leaders of the Jews would go down to Washington," Kahane recalled, "and spend an hour with the President. They they would go home and say 'not only did the President speak with us, he gave us an hour. Our cup runneth over,'" mimicked Kahane with a shrug. "Naturally nothing ever came of these meetings, but our leaders were satisfied and so were their congregations."

Explaining why the JDL was formed, Kahane said that "we didn't do for our own people what we did for everyone else." He referred specifically to the fact that Jews had been in the vanguard of the southern

Civil Rights marches, while the plight of the Jews in Soviet Russia was virtually neglected.

"The JDL came into being because we can never let it (widespread anti-Semitism) happen again. We can't allow the Jews to be used as scapegoats," he reiterated. "We can never again allow inaction when our fellow Jews are at stake."

In an interview before his speech, Kahane, who was dressed in a plain black suit, white shirt and wore a yarmulke, was asked if violence was the answer to the problems of the Jews. "Violence is a bad thing, but it is sometimes necessary. It is sometimes needed when you are dealing with Nazism," he replied.

The major fear of Kahane and the JDL is that the potential for violent anti-Semitism exists today in the United States.

Comparing the United States with the Germany of the 1920's, Kahane, who now lives in Israel with his family, claimed that "America is now in a crisis. There is a general ripping apart. There is a very real racial crisis," he observed. "To pretend that blacks and whites are together is a disservice to what's happening. And look who is blamed for it all-the Jew. Some people say that he is the cause of organizations such as SNCC and NAACP and CORE and bussing."

"And then we just say 'Who can believe these lies?'," he continued. "Desperate people do. They believe anything. And there are desperate people in the United States today. All the traditional sacred values are threatened-people are angry, frustrated, frightened."

"The economy hinges all over this," Kahane explained. "Look which classes are hit the most. The same ones which voted for Adolf Hitler. Such people will vote and follow anyone if they believe their lives will be better."

"Don't say that it can't happen here," Kahane warned. "It can happen here. If Jewish leaders say it

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can't happen, then they are committing a crime to their people."

The creation of the Jewish Defense League was also prompted by the failure of "instilling Jewish pride" in Jews. Kahane charged that Jewish leaders had created a "bagel and lox Judaism." Established Jewish leaders were always too concerned with "what non-Jews would think," said Kahane.

The result has been, according to Kahane, "the building of million dollar mausoleums and calling them temples." Kahane was especially cynical when speaking about "what passes for a Jewish education."

"They put children in religious school today," he said. "It is done not to make educated Jews. The purpose of these schools is obviously not to make educated Jews because every Jew knows that he is there for his BAR MITZVA DAY. This is the obscene ostentation, the end of everything Jewish."

In supporting a Zionist state, Kahane often cited historical examples. "There has never been a time in history when a group of affluent Jews has not seen the tables turned on them."

Kahane's speech was attended by Lt. George Fencil and five of his Philadelphia Civil Disobedience Squad members. A student representative of the University's security force said they came without invitation. There was no trouble during the address.

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March 6, 1972

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Reference Philadelphia memorandum dated and  
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 OO: New York

Re Baltimore teletype, 3/8/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM regarding the subject; and enclosed for WFO and New York are two copies each of the same.

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The JDL, founded in 1968, is composed primarily of young Jewish militants who consider themselves as defenders of "Jewish Rights." Demonstrations attempting to dramatize the Jewish problem in Russia and similar demonstrations against Arab establishments have often resulted in violence. Rabbi MEIR KAHANE, founder and National Director, has stated publicly on many occasions that violence is sometimes necessary to accomplish the aims of the JDL.

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On March 6, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that Rabbi MEIR KAHANE, National Director of the JDL, would speak at the University of Maryland (U of M), College Park, Maryland, on March 7, 1972 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The source advised that his speech was sponsored by the Student Government Association and would be given in Room 24 of the Reckord Armory Building. Source advised that KAHANE was paid a fee for the speech, but he does not know the amount.

On March 7, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that 180 to 190 people were in attendance at the speech and Rabbi KAHANE spoke for approximately 90 minutes. In his speech, the Rabbi cited economic erosion of lower and middle classes

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in this country and that their bitterness over social issues was a direct cause of busing and crime in the streets. Rabbi KAHANE also chided the American Jew because the American Jew accepted life as a minority in the United States and he stated that the Jew cannot find a true home in the United States. The Rabbi stated that the only place for the Jew is a Jewish state--Israel.

[REDACTED] stated that Rabbi KAHANE indicated that he had been denied a visa by the Soviet Government on March 6, 1972 to visit the Russian Jews.

The source also advised that Rabbi KAHANE stated that one of the main reasons for the existence of the JDL was the history of American Jewish leaders not speaking out for their people and he cited specific examples of their ineffectiveness during World War II.

On March 8, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that Rabbi KAHANE spoke from approximately 9:30 p.m. to 10:35 p.m. on March 7, 1972 at the New Lecture Hall, American University (AU), Washington, D. C. The program, which was primarily a recruiting session, was co-sponsored by the Greater Washington Area JDL, the AU Kennedy Political Union and the AU Associated Movement for Israel. [REDACTED] advised that a leaflet passed out at the program read, "Join Your People, Join The JDL," and was co-signed by the JDL of Greater Washington, Post Office Box 2326, Rockville, Maryland; and the JDL Youth of Greater Washington, Post Office Box 102, AU, Washington, D. C.

[REDACTED] advised there were about 500 persons present, the majority of whom were college age. He stated that although no efforts were made to sign up members at the time, there appeared to be much enthusiasm in the audience.



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b2/b7c [redacted] advised that Rabbi KAHANE spoke of the history of persecution of Jews, of how the JDL emanated, of Jewish defense to Jewish problems and how only the Jews will resolve Jewish problems. He stated that Jews support movements for the rights of blacks, the poor, Irish, etc., which involve violence; but when it comes to violence for Jewish rights, they say violence is not Jewish. Rabbi KAHANE mentioned that the JDL has a campaign called "Every Jew a .22." He stated that Jews have an inherent right to commit violence and that Jews have an image of passiveness and have been persecuted for that reason. He rebutted the presumption that it is different in the United States.

[redacted] stated that Rabbi KAHANE also related that a JDL kibbutz would be opened on the West Bank of Israel in the summer of 1972, with the assistance of the Israeli Government.

[redacted] advised that KAHANE received a stipend of \$750 for the appearance from the AU Student Union. A member of the Student Union [redacted] that this is a medium-size fee for guest speakers at AU.



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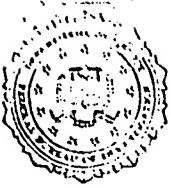
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-207795)

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL.

REURTEL MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST, CAPTIONED "HUBOMB,  
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SUTEL PARTICULARS OF SUBJECT'S INTENDED TRAVEL TO ROME  
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Subject is National Director of the aggressively  
militant Jewish Defense League (JDL) and is currently on  
five-years Federal probation since 7/71 for violation of  
the Gun Control Act, 1968, in its investigation of the  
two firebombings which occurred on 1/26/72 in New York City  
(Hubomb and Cobomb) in which there is a strong implication  
of JDL participation, New York learned that subject intended  
to leave the U.S. on 3/23/72, for Israel via Rome. Because  
of subject's history in fomenting violence, we should be  
constantly aware of his location and activities on a day-to-day  
basis in order to disseminate such information to interested  
agencies. As soon as subject's itinerary has been established,  
Legats Rome and Tel Aviv will be appropriately notified.

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- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Miller, E.S. \_\_\_\_\_
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ON MARCH TWO ONE, SEVEN TWO, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALITALIA AIRLINES, SIX SIX SIX FIFTH AVENUE,  
ADVISED THAT CAPTIONED SUBJECT HAS CONFIRMED HIS RESERVATIONS  
AND PLANS TO DEPART NEW YORK AT SIX P.M. ON MARCH TWO  
THREE, SEVEN TWO, VIA ALITALIA FLIGHT SIX ONE ONE FOR ROME,  
ITALY. SUBJECT WILL THEN DEPART ROME ON MARCH TWO FOUR,  
SEVEN TWO, ABOARD ALITALIA FLIGHT SEVEN THREE EIGHT FOR  
TEL AVIV, ISRAEL.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH ABOVE TO LEGATS, ROME,  
AND TEL AVIV.

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT SUBJECT'S RESERVATION  
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NYC. IT IS NOTED THAT THIS TRAVEL AGENCY IS [REDACTED]

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TO LEGATE ROME (105-3)  
TEL AVIV (105-3)  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-207795)

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NEW YORK OFFICE ASCERTAINED, MARCH TWENTYONE INSTANT, SUBJECT CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS TO DEPART NEW YORK CITY AT SIX P.M. MARCH TWENTYTHREE, NEXT, VIA ALITALIA, FLIGHT NUMBER SIX ONE ONE FOR ROME AND THEREAFTER DEPART ROME FOR TEL AVIV, MARCH TWENTYFOUR NEXT, VIA ALITALIA, FLIGHT NUMBER SEVEN THREE EIGHT.

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NOTE:

Subject is the National Director of the militant Jewish Defense League (JDL) and has been on five-years Federal probation since July, 1971, for violation of the Gun Control Act, 1968. We have been closely following subject's activities and travels because of his history of fomenting violence and because of interest in him expressed by high level members of the Executive Branch of the Government.

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MEIR KAHANE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES  
JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

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per  
State Dept.

Mr. Carrol Seeley of the United States Department of State, Passport Office, Legal Division, advised on March 16, 1972, that [REDACTED] had learned that Kahane had applied to secure reservations on an Air Italia flight out of New York, New York, on March 23, 1972, en route to Rome, Italy. The continuing reservation shows intended travel by Kahane on March 24, 1972 from Rome, Italy, to Tel Aviv, Israel.

The U.S. Department of State stated no money had been paid to confirm this travel.

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Date: 3/21/72

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (105-18663) (P)

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE, aka  
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Re New York teletype, 3/2/72, setting out KAHANE's  
itinerary for the month of March.

On 3/20/72, former [REDACTED] advised he had  
learned that KAHANE did not appear at a scheduled speech  
on 3/5/72 at Temple B'nai Abraham in Beverly, Mass. Source  
stated that, because of a heavy snowstorm on that date,  
KAHANE's scheduled appearance was postponed and has  
recently been rescheduled for 3/26/72 at Temple B'nai  
Abraham in Beverly, Mass.

Boston will follow subject's activities through  
established sources and will attempt to determine  
fee for his appearance on that date. Bureau will  
will be kept advised of any statements made by KAHANE  
in which he advocates violence.

In addition to the above, the source mentioned  
that it is expected that KAHANE will put in appearance  
in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts prior to the  
Massachusetts Presidential Primary scheduled for  
1972, during which time KAHANE is expected to  
endorse candidacy of Presidential candidate Mayor JOHN  
New York. Bureau will be kept advised of any  
in this regard.

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2 - New York (105-5767) (RM)  
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5:30 PM URGENT 3-23-72 TJB

TO DIRECTOR (105-207795) NR 067-23

FROM LEGAT ROME 1P

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS-NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY -JDL

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)  
FROM SAC, SAN ANTONIO (105-4705) (RUC)

MEIR D. KAHANE, aka  
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NYteletype to SA, 3/6/72. *in 181*

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies are being furnished to the New York Division as office of origin in this matter.

The confidential source mentioned in the details of the LHM is [REDACTED]. The original location of the information contained in the LHM is SAfile [REDACTED].

The LHM is not being classified.

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- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 5) (RM)
- 2 - New York (157-5767) (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 1 - SA

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

San Antonio, Texas

March 17, 1972

MEIR D. KAHANE

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On March 7, 1972, [REDACTED] University of Texas, Austin, Texas (UTAT), advised that Meir D. Kahane of the Jewish Defense League (JDL) was scheduled to speak at the UTAT in the Main Ballroom of the Student Union Building on March 15, 1972. Kahane's appearance is being sponsored by the UTAT Union Speakers Committee at a cost of \$750 plus travel expenses. Kahane has requested that the check in payment for his appearance be made payable to the JDL. Kahane will arrive in Austin, Texas, on March 15, 1972, and will depart on the same date.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past made available the following information on March 16, 1972:

Meir D. Kahane, founder and leader of the JDL from New York, New York, spoke before an assembly of approximately 600 students at the Main Ballroom, Student Union Building, UTAT, on March 15, 1972, at 1 p.m. Kahane's audience consisted of representatives from the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA), Pro-Arab, and Jewish students. Kahane's remarks dealt primarily with the history of the Palestinian revolution and the plight of the Jewish people from 1939 under the influence of Adolph Hitler to the present day. During this phase of his speech, Kahane criticized President Franklin D. Roosevelt for his reticence at bombing support facilities, such as roads, to concentration camps in Germany during the Second World War.

Kahane boasted of the victorious 6-day Arab-Israeli War of 1967 which resulted in the acquisition of extensive territories by Israel. He made numerous derogatory inferences toward the Arab countries calling Arab people dumb and Arab countries backward.

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MEIR D. KAHANE

Kahane closed his remarks by inviting all interested persons to step forward and join the JDL.

Kahane's presentation was interrupted on numerous occasions by jeering from the audience. At one point, an Arab student approached the speaker's platform and challenged Kahane. Kahane left the podium to talk to the student at which time a shoving match occurred. Calm was quickly restored, however, and Kahane continued his presentation.

YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE (YSA)

As the youth organization of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), the YSA serves as the main source of recruitment into that organization. The YSA is described in the masthead of its official publication, "The Young Socialist Organizer," as "A multinational revolutionary socialist youth organization."

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

An article appearing in the Austin American, a daily newspaper published in Austin, Texas, on March 16, 1972, contained the following information:

Meir D. Kahane, founder and director of the JDL, spoke on March 15, 1972, at the UTAT, urging all Jews to return to Israel to support Zionism. He told a crowd of Jewish and Arab students and sympathizers that the solution to the Jewish problems lies in "A Jewish National Home with Jewish people living in it." He defended the JDL stating that the JDL was formed in New York as an anti-crime organization to help poor and elderly Jews. He said the JDL began "to do outrageous things" in order to focus attention on Jewish problems. According to Kahane, the problems of the Soviet Jews are not new. He said the world was not made aware of them until the JDL became active. "Violence is a tragedy. Violence is terrible, but it is sometimes necessary," according to Kahane. Kahane also stated that for too long Jews have been afraid to act for fear of the opinions of others. "It is time" he said for Jews "to stop worrying about who loves us and establish our own self-respect."

MEIR D. KAHANE

An article appearing in the Daily Texan, a daily student newspaper published at UTAT, on March 16, 1972, contained the following information concerning Kahane's appearance at the UTAT on March 15, 1972:

Kahane stated that the JDL was founded in 1968 to serve as an active protest body for the world's oppressed Jews. Kahane stated that his group, the JDL, adopted the slogan, "We don't give a damn what anybody says, we just do what has to be done." The controversial organization represents reaction, Kahane said, to the "conspiracy of silence" which has historically presented a barrier to the handling of Jewish problems by American Government and Jewish leaders. He also stated that Jews can no longer afford to limit their demonstrations out of fear of catalyzing anti-Semitism. Kahane took issue with the misconception that there is something inherently "un-Jewish" about violence, citing the Talmud Maxim "When one comes to slay you, slay him first."

Kahane's appearance prompted no additional incidents or disruptions; no arrests were made by local authorities at Austin, Texas.

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☐ ATT.:

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☒ ATT.: DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER

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☐ DIRECTOR, CIA

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☐ AND NATIONAL INDICATIONS CENTER

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☐ U. S. SECRET SERVICE (PID)

☒ ATTORNEY GENERAL (BY MESSENGER)

☐ NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, ATT: SENIOR OPERATION OFFICER

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From: DIRECTOR, FBI

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Subject: ISRAELI VIEW OF JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL) AND MEIR KAHANE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL

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TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM 004

ATT.: DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER

TO: ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (BY MESSENGER)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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ISRAELI VIEW OF JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL) AND MEIR KAHANE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL.

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)  
(ATTENTION: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (105-3014) - RUC

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE, aka  
IS - NT - JDL

Reference New York teletype dated 3/2/72.

Enclosed are eleven (11) copies LHM concerning  
appearance of subject at Houston, Texas, March 14, 1972.  
Copy of LHM being furnished to NY for information.

Source mentioned in attached LHM is [REDACTED]

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- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
- 1 - New York (105-5767) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Houston (1 - 105-3014)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Houston, Texas

March 15, 1972

MEIR D. KAHANE

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Meir D. Kahane spoke at the United Orthodox Synagogue, Houston, Texas, March 14, 1972. Source stated that Kahane's speech lasted for approximately two hours, and he spoke of nothing which would tend to advocate violence. Most of his speech dealt with what the people in the Jewish community were not doing such as aiding Jewish education and other such programs. Source stated that Kahane stated that he was against bombing or other type violent activities, however, did indicate that he was not opposed to harassing Russians whenever the opportunity arose.

Source stated that there were approximately 400 people at the synagogue when Kahane spoke, and it was the understanding of the source that Kahane charged a \$1,000 fee for his appearance; however, source believed that it was subsequently agreed upon that Kahane would receive whatever the adult education class at the United Orthodox Synagogue could raise. Source stated that it was the adult education class at the United Orthodox Synagogue which invited Kahane to Houston. Source advised further that \$1.00 was charged each person to attend the speech and based on the fact that there were approximately 400 people there, it was the opinion of the source that approximately \$400 was raised towards Kahane's speech.

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Source further stated that most of the 400 people in attendance were elderly type people, many of whom had spent their younger years in Germany and had immigrated to the United States. Source further stated that Kahane was interviewed on Channel Two, a local Houston television station, at 5:00 P.M., March 14, 1972, on a program which is a daily current events type news program hosted by a local television news announcer. Above information furnished March 15, 1972.

No incidents occurred in connection with Kahane's visit to Houston.

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825 PM URGENT 3-23-72 JGW

TO DIRECTOR

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NEW HAVEN

BOSTON

FROM NEW YORK (157-5767) 3P

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MEIR D. KAHANE; IS-NT-JDL.

*Rel per  
Ponder*  
IRVING GOLD, US PROBATION, NYC, ADVISED THAT CAPTIONED  
SUBJECT HAS CHANGED HIS PLANS AND NOW PLANS TO DEPART US ON  
MARCH TWO SIX, INSTANT. GOLD STATED THAT SUBJECT CALLED HIM  
ON MARCH TWO THREE, INSTANT, AT TEN AM TO ADVISE HIM OF THE  
ABOVE CHANGE. KAHANE ALSO TOLD GOLD THAT HE PLANNED TO VISIT  
AVRAHAM HERSHKOVITZ AT THE FEDERAL PRISON IN DANBURY, CONNECTICUT,  
DURING THE AFTER NOON OF MARCH TWO THREE, INSTANT. ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR THE VISIT BY KAHANE TO THE PRISON HAD NOT BEEN MADE YET,  
HOWEVER, KAHANE DID NOT EXPECT ANY DIFFICULTIES IN HAVING HIS  
REQUEST GRANTED BY THE PRISON OFFICIALS.

GOLD FURTHER ADVISED THAT KAHANE WILL DEPART NYC ON  
MARCH TWO SIX, INSTANT, EITHER ON THE TEN AM OR TWELVE  
MIDNIGHT PLANE, AIRLINE UNKNOWN, FOR ISRAEL. KAHANE'S DEPARTURE  
TIME DEPENDS ON WHETHER OR NOT HE, KAHANE, CAN FINALIZE ARRANGE-  
MENTS FOR A SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT AT TEMPLE B'NAI ABRAHAM, BEVERLY,  
END PAGE ONE

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MASSACHUSETTS, ON MARCH TWO SIX, INSTANT, AT FIVE PM.

CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]

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ATLANTA AIRLINES,

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NYC, DETERMINED THAT THE SUBJECT CANCELLED HIS RESERVATION FOR FLIGHT SIX ELEVEN, SCHEDULED TO DEPART NYC SIX PM, MARCH TWO THREE, INSTANT. SHE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE ONLY AIRLINE WHICH HAS SCHEDULED DEPARTURES FROM NYC ON SUNDAY, MARCH TWO SIX, INSTANT, AT TEN AM AND TWELVE MIDNIGHT IS EL AL AIRLINES.

[REDACTED] EL AL AIRLINES, NYC, ADVISED THAT CAPTIONED SUBJECT HAS A RESERVATION ON EL AL FLIGHT NUMBER TWELVE TWENTY FOUR, SCHEDULED TO DEPART MARCH TWO SEVEN AT TWO PM, NON-STOP FOR TEL AVIV, ISRAEL, ARRIVING THERE AT SEVEN FORTY FIVE AM MARCH TWO EIGHT, INSTANT.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISED LEGATS, ROME AND TEL AVIV OF SUBJECT'S NEW TRAVEL PLANS.

NEW HAVEN IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE PRISON OFFICIALS, DANBURY, CONNECTICUT, OF SUBJECT'S POSSIBLE VISIT DURING AFTERNOON OF MARCH TWO THREE, INSTANT.

BOSTON IS REQUESTED TO AFFORD APPROPRIATE COVERAGE THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES FOR KAHANE'S PROPOSED VISIT TO BEVERLY, MASS,  
END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

ON MARCH ~~TW~~ SIX, INSTANT.

INFORMATION RELATIVE TO KAHANE'S POSSIBLE VISIT TO FEDERAL PRISON AT DANBURY TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED TO THE NEW HAVEN OFFICE, TWELVE FIFTEEN PM THIS DATE.

BUREAU WILL BE PROMPTLY ADVISED OF ANY CHANGES IN SUBJECT'S PLANNED DEPARTURE.

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3/24/72

TO LEGATS, ROME

TEL AVIV (105-3)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)

1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall  
1 - JDL Folder  
1 - [REDACTED]

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL.

REBUCAB MARCH TWENTY-ONE, LAST AND ROME CABLE TO BUREAU,  
MARCH TWENTY-THREE, LAST.

[REDACTED] (3) SUBJECT'S AIR RESERVATIONS SINCE NEW YORK OFFICE  
(NYO) ASCERTAINED MARCH TWENTY-THREE, LAST SUBJECT CANCELED PREVIOUS  
FLIGHT PLANS FOR TRAVEL TO ROME AND ISRAEL.

NYO ADVISED SUBJECT NOW HAS RESERVATIONS TO DEPART NEW YORK CITY  
ON MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, NEXT, AT TWO P.M., VIA EL AL AIRLINES FLIGHT  
ONE TWO TWO FOUR, NONSTOP FOR TEL AVIV, ISRAEL, ARRIVING SEVEN  
FORTY-FIVE A.M., MARCH TWENTY-EIGHT, NEXT.

1 - Special Coordination Unit (Route through for review)

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Subject is National Director of the militant Jewish  
Defense League (JDL). He has been on 5-years Federal probation  
since 7/71 for violation of the Gun Control Act, 1968. We have  
been following subject's activities and travels closely because  
of his history of fomenting violence and because of the interest  
in him expressed by high level members of the Executive Branch  
of the Government.

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4:30 PM URGENT 3-24-72 MEG

TO DIRECTOR (105-207795) NR071-24

FROM LEGAT ROME (105-4795) 1P

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MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY - JDL.

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730 PM URGENT 3-24-72 BGW

TO DIRECTOR (105-207795)

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FROM NEW YORK (157-5767) 1P

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MEIR D. KAHANE; IS-NT-JDL.

RENYTEL MARCH TWO THREE, LAST.

IRVING GOLD, US PROBATION, NYC, ON MARCH TWO FOUR, SEVEN  
TWO, ADVISED KAHANE GOING TO BEVERLY, MASSACHUSETTS, ON  
MARCH TWO SIX. DEPARTING US TWO PM, MONDAY, MARCH TWO SEVEN,  
SEVEN TWO, VIA EL AL AIRLINES, JFK AIRPORT, NYC, TO ISRAEL.

BOSTON AFFORD APPROPRIATE COVERAGE OF KAHANE'S ACTIVITIES  
IN BEVERLY, MASS.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE LEGAT, TEL AVI  
OF SUBJECT'S TRAVEL.

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CORR: NUMBERS IN TITLE SHD READ ATTN: GA

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TO LEGAT TEL AVIV REC-66

FROM DIRECTOR FBI 105-207795-196<sup>1</sup> - [REDACTED] (E.S. Miller)

MEIR D. KAHANE, IS - JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE. 1 - Mr. W. R. Wannal  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - [REDACTED]

*See per  
Rosen Comm.*

OUR NEW YORK OFFICE ADVISED ON MARCH TWENTY-FOUR, NINETEEN SEVENTY-TWO, THAT IRVING GOLD, US PROBATION OFFICE, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED ON THAT DATE THAT KAHANE WAS GOING TO BEVERLY, MASSACHUSETTS ON MARCH TWENTY-SIX, NEXT, AND THAT HE WAS DEPARTING THE U.S. ON TWO PM ON MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, NEXT, VIA EL AL AIRLINES LEAVING JOHN F. KENNEDY AIRPORT IN NEW YORK CITY FOR ISRAEL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)  
 FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-17009) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE, aka  
 IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JEWISH  
 DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL)

Re New York teletype to the Bureau dated 3/3/72.

On 3/16/72, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who has been cooperative with this office in the past, advised that Rabbi KAHANE was scheduled to appear at the Shaare Torah Synagogue in Pittsburgh 3/19/72. He said the Rabbi at that temple, however, declined to permit KAHANE to make a speech at that synagogue; and as a result, KAHANE had to seek other quarters for his appearance.

[REDACTED] Young Men and Women's Hebrew Association (YMWA), Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, advised on 3/16/72, that the Irene Kaufman Center (IKC) at Forbes and Murray Avenues is a facility operated by the YMWA. He said one [REDACTED] a student at Taylor Alderdice High School, Pittsburgh, contacted [REDACTED] regarding the rental of a meeting room for the appearance of Rabbi KAHANE on 3/19/72, at 7:30 p.m. [REDACTED] the room rental is \$50; and since he is a minor, two persons of legal age, over 21, would have to sign the rental agreement and pay cash in advance.

On 3/19/72, the "Pittsburgh Post Gazette," Pittsburgh daily newspaper, on page 10 printed a small article, "Campus Youth Meets." This article stated:

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 2 - New York (105-5767)  
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"Rabbi Meir Kahane, of the Jewish Defense League, will speak at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the YM&WHA-IKC, 5738 Forbes Ave., Squirrel Hill, to the College Campus Youth."

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[REDACTED] advised on 3/20/72, that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] signed the contract for the use of the IKC room for 3/19/72, and the \$50 rental fee was paid. He said that on 3/19/72, at approximately 3:00 p.m. their group advised IKC that KAHANE was ill in New York City and would be unable to appear the evening of 3/19/72. [REDACTED] said no new date has been set for the appearance of KAHANE.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-212538)

DATE: 3/23/72

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (105-27370) (C)

SUBJECT:

**[REDACTED]**  
IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL

*Meir Kahane*

Re Bureau letter dated 2/28/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Copies of LHM being furnished to New York Office.

**[REDACTED]** was interviewed on 3/2 and 9/72. He was initially apprised of the Bureau's jurisdiction with relation to matters relating to internal security, which he said he understood.

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- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 5)  
    (1 - 62-112767) (JDL)  
    (1 - 105-2707795) (KAHANE) *WK 4/13/72 KBW*  
3 - New York (105-113711) (Enc. 3)  
    (1 - 105- ) (KAHANE)  
    (1 - 157-3463) (JDL)

- 15 - Newark  
    (1 - 105-26827) (JDL)

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[redacted] was advised of this Bureau's interest in the alleged bombings attributed to the JDL and allegations that the organization might possibly be violent prone. [redacted] was very cooperative with interviewing agents, answering all questions in a direct and prompt manner. There was nothing in his behavior which indicated he was not telling the truth, although it was obvious at times that he was reluctant to mention names of others involved with him with relation to the JDL. It is noted, however, that when names were mentioned to him of persons affiliated with the New Jersey JDL, he was prompt to respond with a positive or negative reply concerning a particular individual.

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He was not in the least reluctant to talk about himself and his JDL association, particularly since by his own admission he has not been associated with the organization for some time. He has no plans to become reactivated due to his desire to concentrate [redacted]

Further, [redacted] to become disassociated with the JDL, particularly when this organization was getting bad publicity, was getting stronger with each day. In this regard it is noted that both [redacted] were present during the interviews. Both of these individuals were extremely cooperative and indicated they were glad that [redacted] had an opportunity to explain his association with the JDL. Both [redacted] expressed a strong law and order position and indicated their frustration in what identified criminals are able to get away with these days.

Subject, who is very much influenced [redacted] took a strong stand on this issue of law and order along with [redacted]. He pointed out this was one of his initial interests in the JDL since he realized that the JDL was trying to protect Jewish people in Brooklyn, New York, from the criminals.

It is also noted that [redacted] expressed an interest in the FBI and made inquiry concerning SA qualifications.

[redacted]

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As a result of the two interviews with subject, it is felt that he was telling the truth and that his interest in the JDL stemmed from his desire to become more closely associated with his brother Jews and to help them regain their pride in their origins. His association had nothing to do with any desire for violence nor did he want to be a part of a violent prone organization. He admitted [REDACTED] at the time he first associated himself with the JDL and now that he is over [REDACTED] the JDL has served its purpose for him. He said that he desired to direct his efforts toward his future.

[REDACTED] appears to be a sincere individual who has high aims in life. He comes from a family [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

In view of the above, Newark feels there is no need for any further investigation in this matter and UACB, will place this case in a closed status.

No recommendation is being made for subject's inclusion on the ADEX.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Newark, New Jersey

March 23, 1972

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[REDACTED]

On March 2, 1972, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). She was advised that the FBI was interested in determining the perpetrators of the bombings in New York City attributed to the Jewish Defense League (JDL) and as a result, was interviewing individuals who are members of or affiliated with the JDL. [REDACTED]

The JDL, founded in 1968, is composed primarily of young Jewish militants, who consider themselves as defenders of "Jewish rights". Demonstrations attempting to dramatize the Jewish problem in Russia and similar demonstrations against Arab establishments have often resulted in violence. Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder and National Director, has stated publicly on many occasions that violence is sometimes necessary to accomplish the aims of the JDL.

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[REDACTED] met with Rabbi Kahane who spoke on the purposes of the JDL. He stressed Jewishness and this appealed to [REDACTED]. At no time did Kahane make any mention of violence in any form. Kahane indicated interest in the Jewish youth [REDACTED] impression that the youth group was similar to the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) or the like.

[REDACTED] attended and spoke at a few meetings but did not know the particulars. Since the JDL was getting adverse publicity, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] At the time, the JDL appeared to be helping deprived Jews in the ghettos areas as well as stressing the importance of pride in being a Jew and he decided to learn more about the JDL.

[REDACTED] received some JDL literature. [REDACTED] visited with Rabbi Kahane [REDACTED] who convinced him of the good aims of the JDL. He attended demonstrations including the one in Washington, D. C., where 900 youths were arrested for conducting a "sit-in". [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He subsequently attended numerous demonstrations, most of which were in New York City. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He was never an official member of the JDL since he never paid the dues, but he was a supporter of their cause. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He said the theme stressed was Jewishness and pride in same. Never was there any mention of violence on the part of JDL members since they were strict believers in law and order. He recalled that Rabbi Kahane continually stressed law and order and expected that his followers work within the framework of the law. Kahane also stressed to his followers that the United States is their country and should receive their primary support.

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the following persons were  
at one time affiliated with [REDACTED] JDL:

(above):  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] became  
acquainted with some of the people and considered them all  
to be law abiding citizens.

[REDACTED]

He said the leadership flatly denies any parti-  
cipation in the bombings attributed to the JDL and they  
feel this is the work of their enemies, such as the American  
Renaissance Party. [REDACTED] opinion that  
the JDL was not responsible for any of the bombings attributed  
to them as far as he knows.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] learned that all persons named above became inactive with the JDL with the possible exception [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reiterated his connection with the JDL. He stated he did not know [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] never knew the JDL to be an anti-American organization, a violence prone organization or an illegal organization. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)

DATE: 3/31/72

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-102100) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE  
IS-NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES-JDL  
(OO:NY)

Re Bu 0-7 dated 2/23/72 with attached Legat, Bonn  
let dated 2/8/72 captioned JDL.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 passport photos of  
subject for Legat, Bonn.

A review of captioned subject's passport file on  
3/22/72 by SA [REDACTED] revealed no information in  
addition to that previously furnished the Bureau via LHM dated  
2/23/71 captioned as above.

On 3/22/72 ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Deputy Director, Pass-  
port Office, U.S. Department of State, advised SA [REDACTED]  
that their office would interpose no objection to the  
FBI furnishing passport file information and photo on the sub-  
ject [REDACTED]

As no investigation on subject outstanding at WFO  
this case is RUC'd.

- 3- Bureau (Enc. 2) ENCLOSURE  
(1-Legat, Bonn) (157-129)  
1- New York (157-5763) (Info)  
1- WFO

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-21604) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE  
IS - NT - JDL

Re NY telcall to NHO 3/23/72 and NY teletype to Bureau  
3/23/72 *per 194*

*b7c* Associate Warden CHARLES BENSON, FCI, Danbury, Conn.,  
was advised by SA [REDACTED] on 3/23/72 of subject's  
intended visit to FCI and of possible problems involving  
subject.

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Prisons* On 3/28/72 BENSON advised subject did not come to FCI during  
period 3/23-28/72 and that AVRAHAM HERSHKOVITZ was trans-  
ferred to Federal Detention Hdqtrs., NYC, on 3/28/72.

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MEIR D. KAHANE IS-NT-JDL

SUBJECT DEPARTED JFK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, NYC, ABORAD  
EL AL FLIGHT TWELVE TWENTY FOUR AT TWO PM, INSTANT. FLIGHT EXPECTED  
TO ARRIVE AT TEL AVIV, ISRAEL, ON MARCH TWO EIGHT NEXT AT SEVEN  
FORTY FIVE AM.

DEPARTURE OBSERVED BY SAS OF NYC. KAHANE DID NOT HOLD PRESS  
CONFERENCE OR MAKE ANY DEPARTING REMARKS.

IRVING GOLD, US PROBATION, NYC ADVISED KAHANE IS TENTATIVELY  
SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO THE US DURING THE LAST WEEK IN APRIL NEXT.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795)  
 FROM SAC, BOSTON (105-18663) (RM)  
 SUBJECT: MEIR D. KAHANE  
 IS - NATIONALISTIC  
 TENDENCIES - JDL

Re New York teletype, 3/24/72.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are original  
 and four copies of an LHM and for New York two copies of  
 an LHM dated and captioned as above.

The source mentioned in the LHM is former  
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Boston, Massachusetts

March 29, 1972

MEIR D. KAHANE

On March 29, 1972, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that the subject addressed an audience at Temple B'nai Abraham, Beverly, Massachusetts, on March 26, 1972. Approximately 225 people attended the affair, which was preceded by a cocktail party attended by approximately 40 people. The affair was a fund-raising event for the Temple which realized a profit despite the \$1,000 fee paid to Rabbi Kahane for his appearance. The source described Kahane's presentation as being soft-spoken, moderate and dignified. Kahane emphasized three points during his presentation, namely:

- 1.) that the priority within the Jewish community should be the re-evaluation of its standards so that Jewish education would be the first priority;
- 2.) migrations to Israel by the Jews of the world;
- 3.) the growing anti-Semitism in the United States and the rise of Nazism.

Source stated that at no time during his presentation did Kahane propose any violence in connection with the Jewish Defense League, an organization of which he is the National Chairman.

The Jewish Defense League (JDL), founded in 1968, is composed primarily of young Jewish militants who consider themselves as defenders of "Jewish Rights." Demonstrations attempting to dramatize

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